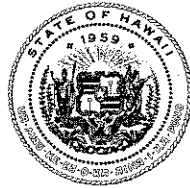


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JUL 18 2007

Mr. Alan Kaufman
President
Kula Community Association
P. O. Box 417
Kula, Hawaii 96790

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for your comments. We have received your letters of May 11, 2007 and June 6, 2007. The money identified for MS1 - Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements at Various Locations, are prioritized for use in the most critical places first, by our Maui District Office. When that has been determined this project will eventually show up with a specific location in the STIP. Project MS6 - H-Piilani Hwy, Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements, Honokahua Stream Bridge to Papanahoa Stream Bridge, is a good example. The Maui District Office has informed me that the next area that they are focusing on to use these MS1 monies are in the Olowalu shoreline area.

While we recognize that a number of bicycling improvement projects have safety in mind and identify shoulder improvements, money to implement projects specifically identified in the Hawaii Bike Plan will typically use a different local source of funding and will produce its own specific projects and priorities. This local funding must be reasonably assured before a project can be considered for federal funding through the STIP. These projects are not generally identified through the Guardrail and Shoulder Improvement "program" that generate projects like MS1 and MS6.

Our Traffic Branch, who is managing the Hawaii Bike Plan, will be undergoing a process to prioritize "Priority 1" projects identified in the plan for programming and funding. For more information on this process, please use the contact information for the Highways Traffic Branch located on our DOT website. See link below.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/contact.htm>

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I have copied our Maui District Office and our Traffic Branch with your letters and this response for their information. I also encourage your continued coordination with our Maui District Office as they are our direct link to traffic issues on Maui. Information and opinions from the public are always welcome.

Also, it is the Department's intent to update the Bike Plan Hawaii about every five years. I encourage you to support the bike projects you are interested in through that process.

Very truly yours,



RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

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KULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 417 - Kula, HI 96790 - <http://kulamaui.com>

*The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.
The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.*

May 11, 2007

Ronald Tsuzuki, Head Planning Engineer
Department of Transportation
Highway Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Kula, Maui Draft STIP items

Dear Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki

The 2008-2011 Proposed State Highway Improvements Program has the following items in Kula available for funding. The Kula Community Association strongly supports these items and asks that they receive their proper place in the final budget:

- Bicycle shoulder lanes on Haleakala Hwy from Crater Road towards Makawao. (STIP item MS1, Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item 41)
- Bicycle shoulder lanes on State Highway 37 (Kula Highway) from Kekaulike Highway towards Keokea. (STIP item MS1 Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item # 46)
- Bikeway Pull-out Areas along Haleakala National Park Access Road. (STIP item MS2 Haleakala National Park Access Road, Bikeway Pull-out Areas).
- Van Pull-outs along Crater Road (Hawaii Bike Plan Item #45). Some funding for these pull-outs is included in the current STIP and more will be needed to complete the project as cost estimates, along with most other DOT projects, have come in over the estimated and budgeted amount.

Upcountry Maui has the highest road usage by bicycle riders in the state of Hawaii. In addition to the large numbers of local recreational bikers, these roads leading to and from Haleakala National Park also host hundreds of tourist bikers *everyday*. The National Park estimates that over 100,000 bicyclists travel down the road on just the four commercial biking tours that have federal permits. This number does not include the several bike companies that begin their rides outside the Park, the increasing number of 'ironman' riders traveling from sea level to the top of Haleakala and back, and a large number of local recreational bikers. These bicyclists share the road with an increasing number of residents and tourists in cars creating a difficult situation for both.

The Kula Community Association strongly supports Bike Plan Hawaii and it's strategies to improve the roads for the increased safety of both bicyclists and vehicles. We are

asking that the items listed in Bike Plan Hawaii and proposed in the draft STIP be included on the Final STIP.

Kula Bicycle Shoulder Lanes

Bicycle shoulder lanes make the road safer for both cars and bicycles. Bike Plan Hawaii 2003 shows two candidates for shoulder bikeways in Kula. The first area is shown on the Bike Plan Hawaii Maui map as item 41. This roadway is the main route used for bikers heading to or from the National Park and is in desperate need of better shoulders. Until recently all of the bike companies used the middle of the road, with a van blocking traffic, because of safety concerns of inadequate shoulders. Due to resident concerns and impending county regulations, most of the companies are now requiring their riders to stay as far right as possible so that vehicular traffic may flow past the groups. With the inadequate bikeways, safety concerns have been raised. It is imperative that this road receive a shoulder bikeway and be regularly maintained for the safety of the large numbers of riders and cars using it daily.

Kula Bicycle and Van Pull-Outs

Bicycle pull-outs for Haleakala National Park will greatly improve the safety of biking down the volcano. These pull-out areas will allow the bikers and hopefully their trailing vans a place to pull over and allow traffic to pass. Currently vehicles must patiently wait behind the groups, causing traffic problems and unsafe conditions when cars do attempt to pass on the tight switchbacks.

The funds for four van pull-outs would allow the commercial biking companies places for their vans to pull over and allow traffic to pass. As you may be aware, the debate about the safety of commercial downhill biking has centered on the importance of the vans following the bikers being able to pull over to allow traffic to pass. The commercial downhill bike companies now have limited areas for pulling over. As the Maui County Council begins its process of examining potential regulations, they will be looking at requiring all companies to use pull-outs to allow vehicle traffic to pass groups of bikers. It is essential that these pull-outs be constructed as soon as possible and be placed in the most useful locations. Funding for the project is shown in the STIP as available as of October 6th, 2006, though as with most DOT projects, estimates have come in over budget. Moreover, van pull-outs are also needed along Haleakala Highway from Crater road towards Makawao along SR 377. The vans need to be able to pull over and allow traffic to pass on this heavily traveled road.

Thank you for your consideration of these items. We hope to see them in the final STIP and to working with your department to make the projects a reality. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gina Flammer, KCA Vice-President and Chair of our Health and Safety Committee. Her information is listed below.

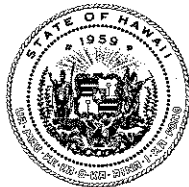
Mahalo,



Alan Kaufman, President

KCA contact: Gina Flammer
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JUL 26 2007

Mr. Walter Kunitake, Co-Chair
Mr. Arnold Okamura, Co-Chair
Hawaii Island Economic Development
117 Keawe Street, Suite 107
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Messrs. Kunitake and Okamura:

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Saddle Road Improvements (HS35), the Saddle Road Extension (HS34) and the Puainako Widening Project (HS 33). The priority you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. While we cannot fund everything, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions and find some balance on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

In supplement to this, the funding for the Saddle Road Improvements is and expects to be funded by Highway earmarked and Defense Access Road (DAR) funds. The authority to use these funds ultimately lies outside of our authorization limitation. This means that as long as the earmarks and DAR funds are adequately available, this project will be federally funded.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website in a few weeks as well as our version of a financially constrained STIP.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

Also, we are planning to return to Hawaii during the week of August 6, 2007 to discuss this financially constrained STIP. Information on these meetings will also be posted on our website.

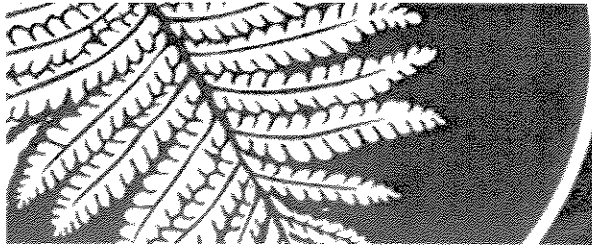
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RONALD F. TSUZUKI
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SADDLE ROAD ON HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND

Hawaii Island Economic Development Board
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Task Force Members: May 11, 2007

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Barry Fukunaga, Interim Director
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
c/o Highway Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Barry Fukunaga:

Subject: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011 (+2)

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the State Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Saddle Road Task Force was established in 1993 by Senator Daniel K. Inouye to provide input and direction for the realignment/reconstruction of the Saddle Road to provide an improved cross island highway, linking East and West Hawaii.

The Saddle Road Improvements project was just a part of this vision, which also includes Puainako Extension and the Saddle Road Extension Project. These three (3) highway improvement projects, when completed will provide a modern safe highway providing a much shorter and direct linkage between the business centers in Kailua-Kona and Hilo.

A portion of this vision is becoming reality with this months opening of a 6.5 mile section of Saddle Road between John Burns Highway (Mauna Kea Access Road) and Mauna Kea State Park as well as the anticipated completion of a 9 mile section between Mile Post 19 and John Burns Highway. In addition, a portion of Puainako Extension connecting Wilder Road with Komohana Street has been completed by the County of Hawaii.

However, for the Saddle Road Task Force and Senator Inouye's vision of a modern cross island highway linking East and West Hawaii to be fully implemented, we need to have the completion of the remaining segments. Accordingly we request that funding for the planning, design and construction be provided as soon as practicable for the remainder of the Saddle Road Improvements (STIP Project No. HS35), Saddle Road Extension (STIP Project HS34) and Puainako Widening Project (STIP Project No. HS33).

Thank you,



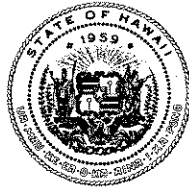
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cc: Saddle Road Task Force Members
Federal Highways Administration
Senator Daniel K. Inouye

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JUL 26 2007

Mr. James Lutter, DDS
POB 6176
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Dear Dr. Lutter:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Waimea Trails and Greenways project (HC11). The priority you indicated for this project will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011 (+2) STIP. While we cannot fund everything, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions and find some balance on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website in a few weeks as well as our version of a financially constrained STIP.

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We have forwarded your comments from the May 15, 2007 STIP meeting in Waimea to our Hawaii District Office and Hawaii County's Department of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

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RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF WAIHEA TRAILS + GREENWAYS
(WT+G) HC-11

By: James Lutter, DDS
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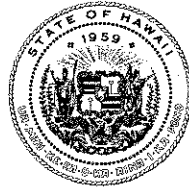
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO WAIHEA TO PRESENT STIP INFORMATION.

POINTS IN FAVOR + SHOWING NECESSITY OF FUNDING THE WT+G, HC-11.

- ① IN THE LAST 6-8 YEARS, THE CONSTRUCTION "BOOM" OF THE KONA COAST REGION HAS PLACED A HUGE DEMAND FOR WORKERS ON OUR SINGLE ROAD THROUGH WAIHEA.
- ② 15 YEARS AGO, THERE WERE ~~0~~ (ZERO) STOPLIGHTS IN WAIHEA. NOW THERE ARE 3 (THREE) STOPLIGHTS AND THE COUNTY HAS WIDENED THE ROAD IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN. * DESPITE THESE "TRAFFIC AIDS", TRAFFIC HAS ONLY GOTTEN WORSE - TO THE POINT OF 45 MINUTE "GRINDLOCK" TO TRAVERSE THE 5 MILES THROUGH TOWN BETWEEN 7-8am, and 3:30 - 5:15 pm.
- ③ A GREAT DEAL OF THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS DUE TO PARENTS TAKING CHILDREN TO & FROM SCHOOL * BECAUSE THERE IS NO SAFE PATH OR BICYCLE LANE THROUGH TOWN.
- ④ THE WT+G COMMITTEE, AND OUR CONSULTANTS, AND THE HAWAII COUNTY DEPT. OF PARKS + RECREATION HAVE LITERALLY PUT IN THOUSANDS OF HOURS WORKING ON THIS PROJECT.
- ⑤ AFTER OVER TEN YEARS OF COMMUNITY WORK + CO-OPERATION, OUR CONSULTANTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PLANS + DESIGN ARE ALMOST DONE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO OUT FOR BID DURING FY 2008.
- ** ⑥ AT THIS TIME, PEOPLE WHO EITHER LIVE OR WORK IN WAIHEA CAN NOT TRAVERSE THE TOWN DUE TO THE GREAT NUMBERS OF KONA WORKERS AND THE GREAT NUMBER OF HUGE SEMI-TRUCK TRAILERS, EXCEPT BY ~~THE~~ MOTOR VEHICLE BECAUSE THERE IS NO SAFE ALTERNATIVE.

CONCLUSION: IT IS A TRUE SHAME THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY NO SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO CARS. IT IS NOT SAFE TO WALK OR RIDE A BICYCLE ON THE EXISTING ROADWAYS. THE FACT THAT CHILDREN CAN NOT SAFELY WALK OR RIDE A BICYCLE TO SCHOOL IS A TRUE SHAME + ^{HAS} NEGATIVE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES. MAHALO!!!

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Ms. Sara Fuller
69-1647 Puako Beach Drive, #301
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Dear Ms. Fuller:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for your participation in the public involvement process for the development of the update of the STIP. We have received your statement of high priority for the funding of the Kawaihae Bypass (HS17 and HS18) as well as the list of 68 signatures of the people in your community who share your view. Each signature will be counted as one opinion of "high" priority for the bypass.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website in a few weeks as well as our version of a financially constrained STIP.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

Also, we are planning to return to Hawaii during the week of August 6, 2007. Information on this plan will be posted at the same website listed above.

Very truly yours,

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RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

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Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
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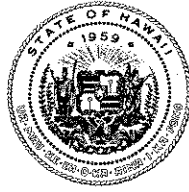
Dear Mr. Tsuzuki,
Enclosed are names collected in the Puako area in support of having our
Department of Transportation make the Kawaihae State Bypass Project
HS17 and HS18 be a priority and to start construction of it as soon as
possible.

Mahalo for your help and hard work.

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Sara Fuller

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JUL 31 2007

Mr. Joshua K. Akana
Box 6291
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Dear Mr. Akana:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Thank you for your complimentary comments. We try to run all of our meetings in an organized and focused fashion. Thank you also for participating in our public involvement efforts for the development of the updated STIP. The priorities you indicated for the Big Island's proposed projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011 (+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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Also, we are planning to return to Hawaii during the week of August 6, 2007. Information on this plan will be posted at the same website listed above.

Very truly yours,

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RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

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Joshua K. Akana
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Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. Brennon Morioka
State Dept. of Transportation
Highways Division
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
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Aloha Brennon:

Thank you for last night's enlightening discussion of the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2008 through FY 2013. The calm manner in which you explained the extent and scope of the different line items and how competently you handled the questions posed by the audience is commendable.

The crowd came away satisfied that the answers given were honest ones. I hope you get a representative number of replies to the survey your office had prepared. My copy is attached.

I look forward to the summation meeting when the community comments have been tallied and the prioritized STIT listing gets published.

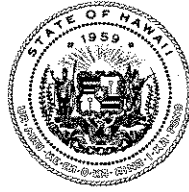
Mahalo,



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Mr. Mike Price
Chairman
South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee
P. O. Box 383375
Waikoloa, Hawaii 96738

Dear Mr. Price:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Island of Hawaii. The priority you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. While we cannot fund everything, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions and find some balance on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

We have received almost 200 signatures to date, who indicate that they are in agreement with your comments to us. We will count each signature once, in favor of the Kawaihae Bypass (HS17 and HS18) as "high" priority. Similarly, we will count each signature once, in favor of the Waiaka Stream Bridge (HS19) and Waimea Bypass project (HS10) as "low" priority. Also we recognize and will consider your suggestion to fund Kawaihae Bypass before the Waiaka Bridge or Waimea Bypass projects.

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Very truly yours,

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May 21, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Highways Division, Planning Branch
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RE: Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS17 and HS18 Comments

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki;

At the May 15, 2007 STIP Meeting in Waimea a crowd of 50 – 70 people were in the Waimea Civic Center or standing outside for lack of room. No one spoke against the Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS 17 and HS 18. Many spoke in support of the project and gave it a high priority rating in the discussion period.

The present Kawaihae Road is the only link, besides Saddle Road, between East Hawaii and the Kohala Coast Resort employment area. The current road has no emergency ramps for run away trucks, winding sharp curves and other challenges due to the grade and design. Many of the employees comprising the daily regional commuter traffic are in the 16 to 25 year old "high risk for accident driver group". These people drive 4 to 7 hour round trips to work and are exposed to risks of fatigue on this challenging road. This situation should qualify the project as a number 2. "First Priority" project under DOT Highway Division Project Selection Guideline.

After so many years, many people in attendance were disappointed that the Design Phase is proposed for the 2009 Budget instead of 2008, and that the first phase will not start until the 2013 Budget. The project has had wide spread support and consensus in the community. Projects like the Waimea Bypass HS10 and the Waiaka Bridge HS19, that are opposed or contested by a significant portion of the community, are funded for 2008. The ongoing dispute over the alignment for the Waimea Bypass HS10 continues to delay progress. A recommendation heard at this STIP meeting and past STIP meetings to move funding and effort from these projects to the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 should be realistically considered. The former head of DOT, Rodney Haraga, committed to expediting HS17 and shortening the interval before start of construction. Several members of the legislature from Maui as well as Hawaii support this project moving ahead.

In summary, make HS17 and HS18 a "First Priority Safety Project", expedite start of construction and give due consideration to the wide spread support for this project in the Kohala Community and East Hawaii. I am encouraging as many people as possible to sign their name to this letter as supporting individuals, and add their neighbors, fellow workers and other supporters before mailing

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this letter as a petition to you. South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee needs to receive a copy of the petition mailed also to keep a count of supporting citizens. LET THE DOT KNOW THERE IS CONSENSUS AND SUPPORT FOR THE KAWAIHAE STATE BYPASS!

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this long awaited project and hope you will keep South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee informed as the project progresses. Hopefully the end result will be a well designed, safe roadway that serves present and future needs. Mahalo for your consideration of these comments.

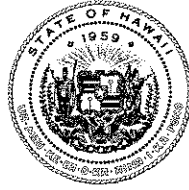
Sincerely,

Mike Price-Chair South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee

CC: State Senator Lorraine Inouye <mailto:seninouye@Capitol.hawaii.gov>
State Representative Cindy Evans <mailto:repevans@Capitol.hawaii.gov>
Councilman Pete Hoffmann <mailto:councilmanpete@hawaii.rr.com>
Brennon Morioka-DOT Highways Divisio Brennon.Morioka@hawaii.gov
Stanley Tamura-District Engineer DOT Highways Division Stanley.Tamura@hawaii.gov

I/We support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and HS18 STIP Projects;

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The Honorable Bob Jacobson
Councilmember
Hawaii County Council
25 Aupuni Street, Suite 200
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Councilmember Jacobson,

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

We are unaware of any State DOT appropriation (in the proposed budget bill or from the past) for the matching funds for development of an Old Volcano Trail project. Typically, before we can propose the use of FHWA funds to an effort (list projects on the STIP), local matching funds (usually 20%) must be assured. That also helps to ensure that there is a sponsoring agency which will be responsible for the project's development.

Based on the information that you attached to your comment letter, the project appears to be something the Hawaii County Department of Public Works would sponsor. I have copied this response and your comment to them for their information.

Also, depending on what the scope and purpose and need for this project would be (parallel roadway to address vehicular capacity needs, or paved commuter ped/bike path, or recreational trail), it should be identified in the Long Range Land Transportation Plan for the Big Island for full support. Coincidentally, we are about to undertake the update of this plan for each county within a number of months.

Once it does qualify for federal aid, it still must compete for the limited federal aid funds and authority that is available with all the other projects that qualify.

Very truly yours,

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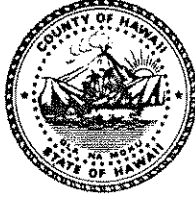
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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

County of Hawai'i

June 8, 2007

Ronald Tzusuki, Head Planning Engineer
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Comments on the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Aloha:

Upon reviewing the Draft STIP survey, I noticed that no mention was made of the Old Volcano Trail. I feel that it should be included in the STIP; the trail should be a major priority and Federal Highways money should be appropriated to meet people's needs for trails and alternate transportation corridors.

I have enclosed, for your review, an informational report regarding the Old Volcano Trail. Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Mahalo,

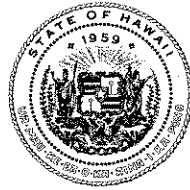
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Bob Jacobson
Council Member, District 6
Hawai'i County Council

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Encl.

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Mr. Paul Andrade
P. O. Box 1887
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

Dear Mr. Andrade:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Island of Hawaii. The priority you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. While we cannot fund everything, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions and find some balance on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website in a few weeks as well as our version of a financially constrained STIP.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

Also, we are planning to return to Hawaii during the week of August 6, 2007 to discuss this financially constrained STIP. Information on the meetings will also be posted on our website.

Thank you also for sharing your comments and suggestions about the Keaau-Pahoa Road transportation corridor. While some of your suggestions may be implemented within short timeframes (some of the safety improvements you mention) others (including any new roadway) require lengthy environmental studies and are typically expensive. These transportation challenges are prevalent in many communities, not just Puna. It is important for people to get involved, be heard and be educated about the planning and project development processes, as you are doing.

I have forwarded them to the Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvement project development team and to various sections in our Department who are involved in the development of our state roadway safety and operational improvement plans. I have also forwarded this to our administration for their information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald F. Tsuzuki", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

bc: HWY-PS

Puna State Highway Committee,

Thank you for your notice, informing our family and community of the state's intent for the planning of route 130 Pahoa-Keaau highway. Our family has lived and worked in the Puna area for 30 years. We have witnessed everything but planning when it comes to our roadway. Our family and other small business owner with a background in construction, subdivision-roadway planning, and completion, continue to see a roadway problem with our continued growth here on our island. That is why I will be writing a few suggestions as well as future plans for our roadways that will continue to make our flow of traffic much smoother without having to build any concrete freeways in the future.

Our first suggestion would be: the widening of highway 130 to a four lane highway. This would be a huge mistake. Widening this highway would require further expenses as there would be a need for a traffic light at each intersection, Orchid Land as well as Hawaiian Paradise Park. This will only slow down this now four lane highway. At this time a little widening and repainting to create a turn lane and or merge lane would be what this highway needs. We know and understand you can't build a community without roadways. At this time there are insufficient connector roads and too many dead end streets in Puna. Our recommendation would be to turn your focus to the old railroad area which runs from Kapoho to Hilo. Planning a four lane highway in this area with the consideration of building just the two lanes over to one side of the easement will allow for possible mass transit or two more lanes in the future.

With planning such as this, there would be little or no impact to this new highway, thus costing less to build with little or no aggravation to our existing highway problem. These improvements should start at route 132 Kapoho Road. This road would go through Hawaiian Paradise Park 15th and 16th Avenue, connecting with Milo street, which already has an existing traffic light, but we would have to build it in a way that would avoid private driveways on this highway; and in that way limiting traffic lights to only main cross roads. This highway at the Keaau connection could then continue on Hilo through railroad, to Leilani St. There would be one big move here, and that would be the water department; by moving part of the water department and continuing the highway to our airport road. At this time, establishing these easements and constructing these highways will save millions and will lessen the frustration of construction on our now overcrowded highway. We could then continue on with a connector road from "Keaukaha" and to "Milo" which would allow for sea port traffic and eliminate a dead end road; not to mention, another evacuation route for those living in these area.

Since we're on the subject of planning, let me give you a few more ideas for other roadways. This planning will help avoid further traffic congestion in the future. Volcano highway would be our next suggestion; starting with a turn lane into and out of Keaau Park entrance. (I'll call that Keaau 1 Intersection). We would also need to eliminate that road coming out of Keaau Town, which has a very high accident rate. We could continue Keaau town road to exit at the Keaau Ag lot intersection, which has existing traffic lights. The idle situation would be to widening that highway to a four lane at least up to Hawaiian Acres road 8 and 9, turn off, at which point we could reduce it down to three lanes.

The two out bound lanes for slower morning trucks and one on bound; as this is where the congestion starts. This should continue up at least to the Glenn Wood Transfer Station. I would also recommend turn lanes for all major intersections such as; Kalani Road and where ever else there is traffic volume. We believe with these road improvements, we will have come close to solving our current traffic needs.

It is my goal to see our roadway all being used, as it is right now there are way too many subdivisions with dead end roads, they have no other alternatives. This could lead to devastation as well as congesting in the future.

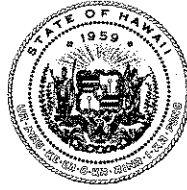
We need to build a new two lane from Maku`u Ag Lot to Royal Hawaiian Estates. This highway must be kept in State Highway Ownership as this road would end up being a major tourist attraction. This highway would need to be at least 1500 feet from the back of these subdivisions, in consideration of lot owners and noise pollution. This would allow each subdivision to connect at one or more places. This in itself would minimize congestion, as having multiple exits would distribute traffic in various directions. We realize the cost of a highway such as this, but there are ways to keep the cost down. Here are a few suggestions: make some changes to your bidding process. Why not break down the highway into smaller increments, thus allowing for the small licensed construction contractor to bid on these jobs. The more bides you can get, the lower the cost of construction.

We have thought long and hard about these roadway plans and realize there is no turning back for our Big Island. Our growth is unavoidable and we need to look ahead. We have many more recommendations for our highway for Hamakua Coast and Kona areas as well. We don't want to see our island turn into a concrete jungle. We feel with the amount of land that we have, we will be able to keep our traffic flowing. That is if you're willing to see the need for these improvements. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Andrade

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GOVERNOR



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JUL 26 2007

Mr. Roger Hirako, Co-Chairman
Mr. Earl Yamamoto, Co-Chairman
Lalamilo Farms Lots Association
P. O. Box 1423
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Dear Messrs Hirako and Yamamoto:

Subject: FYs 2008-2011 (+2) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Island of Hawaii. The priority you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. While we cannot fund everything, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions and find some balance on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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Also, we are planning to return to Hawaii during the week of August 6, 2007 to discuss this financially constrained STIP. Information on the meetings will also be posted on our website.

Your other project specific comments have been forwarded to the State DOT's project development team for the Kawaihae and Waimea Bypasses and the Waiaka Stream Bridge project for their information.

Very truly yours,

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RONALD F. TSUZUKI
Head Planning Engineer

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June 5, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Highways Division, Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl, Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki,

Enclosed please find the following six (6) items of material in relation to the May 15, 2007 STIP Meeting in Waimea as pertaining to Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS17 and HS18:


- 1) Our Petition of support of the May 21, 2007 letter to you from Chair Mike Price, South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee.
- 2) Our completed Survey, Hawaii: State – FHWA, from the May 15 STIP Meeting in Waimea.
- 3) Our correspondence dated December 8, 2006 to Mr. Brennon Morioka regarding Projects #HWY-H-07-99 (HS17 & 18) and #19E-01-98 (HS10).
- 4) Minutes from the December 12, 2006 meeting of the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee and their endorsement of the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association's December 8 letter to Mr. Morioka.
- 5) South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee's December 14, 2006 letter to Governor Lingle concerning funding of Project #HWY-H-07-99 (HS17 & 18) and expressing endorsement of the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association's December 8 letter to Mr. Morioka.

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- 6) Purpose and Intent of the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association Highway Committee as it relates to HS17, HS18 and HS10.

Our Association is appreciative of your consideration of the issues our submittal hopes to clarify.

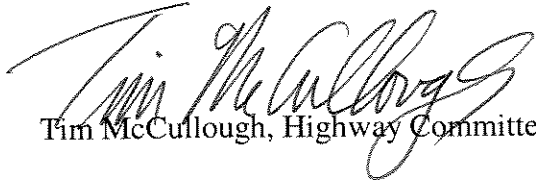
Respectfully Submitted,



Roger Hirako, Co-Chairman



Earl Yamamoto, Co-Chairman



Tim McCullough, Highway Committee

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Subject Re: Support of HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement

Mr. Discoe,

Thank you for your comments in support of Project HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement. Your priority will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website after we complete our 1st round of public informational meetings.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

I have also forwarded your design comments about the bridge and the Waimea Trails and Greenways project to the Hawaii County Department of Public Works for their consideration.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Ben Discoe"



"Ben Discoe"

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Subject Support of HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement

I strongly support HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement.

The existing bridge is being supported by jacks so that heavy trucks do not have to be rerouted around this bridge. it is the only way to cross Waikoloa stream in Waimea.

Please make sure that the new bridge accomodates the Waimea Trail and

Greenways project by providing for the trail to go under the bridge.

I urge that HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement be funded. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

My name and address is:
Ben Discoe

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05/07/2007 08:33 AM

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Subject Re: Support of HC11 - Waimea Trails and Greenways

Mr. Discoe,

Thank you for your comments in support of Project HC11 - Waimea Trails and Greenways. Your priority will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous statewide project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website after we complete our 1st round of public informational meetings.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

I have also forwarded your comments to the Hawaii County Department of Public Works, the sponsoring agency for this project, for their consideration.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject Support of HC11 - Waimea Trails and Greenways

I strongly support HC11 - Waimea Trails and Greenways.

The Waimea Trails and Greenways (WTG) project is critically important to Hawai'i Island. We need your help in ensuring that construction of the project can begin in 2008.

Please note that the estimated construction cost is \$2.5 million.

This multi-use WTG project will improve quality of life for all of us. It will provide a safe route to school for many students, opportunities to walk, jog, or ride a bike off the busy roadway, and a way get to work without getting in our cars.

The project will create a green corridor along Waikoloa Stream though the heart of Waimea, providing non-vehicular connections to residences, businesses, and schools. Encouraging non-vehicular transportation is particularly critical to addressing the worsening traffic congestion in Waimea, as the Parsons Brinckerhoff study has concluded that 60 percent of our traffic is "in-town" rather than "through" traffic.

The project was called for in our 1977 Waimea Urban Design Plan, in the 1986 Waimea Design Plan that was adopted by resolution by the County Council. The project is also called for by the 2005 Hawaii County General Plan, which states: "Encourage development of Waimea Trails and Greenways and Waimea Nature Park."

After years of successful negotiations with landowners and with money appropriated for design and construction, the project is moving forward toward construction.

Please help make this long pursued goal of our community a reality.

I urge that HC11 - Waimea Trails and Greenways be funded. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

My name and address is:
Ben Discoe

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Subject Re: Support of HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement

Ms. Copman,

Thank you for your comments in support of Project HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement. Your priority for this project will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

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<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

I have also forwarded your comments to our DOT and HI County Public Works Administrations for their information.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



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Subject Support of HC8 - Lindsey Road Bridge Replacement

Aloha,

I strongly support replacement of the Lindsey Road Bridge. I can ask any one of our elected officials when our bypass roads, or any one of the proposed segments of any of the proposed bypass roads will be completed. NO ONE HAS A CONCRETE ANSWER.

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In the meantime, all cross-Island traffic from East Hawai'i to Kohala passes through the Lindsey Road intersection and across the Lindsey Road bridge. It is not hard to imagine the chaos that would ensue when another major storm hits Waimea. Flooding will carry debris now strewn in the Waikoloa streambed with great velocity into the jacks under the Lindsey Road bridge. Voila -- no way through town for residents, including ambulances and school buses, for commuters, and for visitors. This is very, very scary to contemplate. A structurally sound new bridge at this insanely busy location should be a top priority for funding.

It seems no one wants to interrupt traffic long enough to replace the bridge. This will not be a politically popular project, but it is perhaps more politically viable than building an alternate route around town at the present time. So, let's make sure our one way through Waimea remains available and replace the bridge now.

For pictures of the jacks currently in place to support the bridge, visit http://www.waimeaplan.org/issues/roadways/lindsey_road_bridge.html.

Thanks for your time,
Linda Copman

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Bicycle shoulder lanes on Kula Hwy Kekaulike towards
Keokea. (Bike Plan item # 46)

Mr. Buzianis,

Thank you for writing us your support of the subject project. It is a constant challenge to meet the many demands on our transportation infrastructure as our resources cannot keep up. Public comment is important to us to help us make better informed decisions regarding our efforts.

This project is currently not being proposed for federal aid funding in the next 2008-2011 STIP. For bike projects that are currently not being proposed for funding (locally funded or federal aid); It is my understanding that "priority 1" bike projects identified in the Bike Plan Hawaii document will be going through a implementation prioritization process soon. If the subject project is identified as a "priority 1" project in that plan, it will be prioritized for funding within that implementation plan.

I have forwarded your comments to our traffic branch (they are the stewards of the Bike Plan) for their information.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



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05/07/2007 09:36 PM

To <Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject Bicycle shoulder lanes on Kula Hwy Kekaulike towards
Keokea. (Bike Plan item # 46)

Aloha from Keokea,

Please fund the subject budget item. We have extensive bike traffic in our area and the bike lane is much needed. We also ride our bike in this area 5 days a week and with the new Hawaiian Homelands housing project of over 400 new homes the bike lane is going to be a must.

We hope for your support,

Jay Buzianis

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Subject Re: DOT Projects related to Hwy. 130

Ms Jones,

Thank you for your comments on Route 130. Safety is a high priority for the Department. While we were in Keaau for our STIP meeting last week, we clearly heard the same message in general about needed improvements in the Route 130 corridor. The DOT currently has efforts underway to improve the operation at intersections along Route 130. The ones that I know about that are applying for federal aid through the STIP include the Paradise Drive and Kahakai Boulevard Intersections (HS23 and HS25). We may be looking at other intersections using local funds only (and outside of the STIP umbrella).

Also, our Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvements project will look at the possibility/feasibility of an alternative route. This project is currently starting up in the environmental clearance stage and I encourage you get involved in the development of that effort when public involvement for it begins.

Your priorities for these efforts will be compiled with the rest of the comments that we receive. Public comments will help us make better informed decisions about how to direct our transportation efforts.

For more STIP information, please take a look at our website at:

<http://www.state.hi.us/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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"luana jones"

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05/14/2007 08:43 AM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject DOT Projects related to Hwy. 130

Aloha,

My name is Luana Jones. I will not be able to attend the upcoming meetings regarding DOT projects in Puna. I would like to emphasize the importance of projects that will result in making Hwy. 130 safer, especially at the intersections where there is a high incidence of accidents. This should be a priority.

Also, the DOT should look at proactive ways to expedite the traffic, in this fastest growing community in the nation, now while there are viable alternatives (ie. alternate route from HPP - Hilo, clover lanes, eliminating driveways on to Hwy. 130, roundabouts at appropriate intersections, etc?).

My prayers go your way.
Mahalo,
Luana

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Subject Re: Support of HS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the
Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass) □

Mr. Zakar,

Thank you for your comments about the Waimea Bypass. Your priority (or rather non-priority) for this project will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



05/14/2007 10:14 AM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
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Subject Support of HS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the
Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass)

Ronald Tsuzuki, Head Planning Engineer
Highway Planning Branch
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation

I strongly oppose HS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass).
I understand that routing the Waimea Bypass around Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) property would be cost prohibitive and oppose the project if routing the highway around DHHL property is not possible.
I urge that HHS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass) not be funded. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

My name and address is:

Peter Zakar

See what's free at <http://www.aol.com>.

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Cajigal/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT,
cary.yamashita@co.maui.hi.us, joe.krueger@co.maui.hi.us
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Upcountry Maui Bike lane and pull outs

Mr. Goodenough,

Thank you for your comments of support for some of the proposed STIP projects on Maui. Your priority for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website after we complete our 1st round of public informational meetings.

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I have also forwarded your comments (below) to our DOT and Maui County Public Works Administrations for their information.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



05/16/2007 03:22 AM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Upcountry Maui Bike lane and pull outs

Dear Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki,

Attached to this email is my letter in strong support for the items listed regarding the bike lane and pull out improvements for Upcountry Maui.

Thank You for your consideration to include these improvements in the final budget 2008-2011 Proposed State Highway Improvements.

Sincerly, Richard Goodenough, President

Maui Downhill



Maui Bicycle Tour Association Bike lane and pull outs upcountry #2.doc

Maui Bicycle Safaris Ltd. dba: Maui Downhill
199 Dairy Rd. Kahului, HI 96732

May 16, 2007

Ronald Tsuzuki, Head Planning Engineer
Dept. Of Transportation
Highway Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl St., Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Kula, Maui Draft STIP items

Dear Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki

The 2008- 2011 Proposed State Highway Improvements Program has the following items in Kula available for funding. Maui Bicycle Safaris, Maui Downhill and The Maui Bicycle Tour Association strongly support these items and ask that they receive their proper place in the final budget.

#1 STIP item MS1, Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item 41. Bicycle shoulder lanes on Haleakala Hwy from Crater Road towards Makawao.

#2 STIP item MS1, Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item #46 Bicycle shoulder lanes on State Hwy. 37 from Beaklike Hwy. towards Keokea.

#3 STIP item MS2 Haleakala National Park Access Road, Bikeway Pull-out Areas. Bikeway Pull-out Areas along Haleakala National Park Access Road.

#4 Van Pull-outs along Crater Road (Hawaii Bike Plan Item #45). Some funding for these pull-outs is included in current STIP and more will be needed to complete the project as cost estimates have come in over the estimated and budgeted amount.

Maui's Bicycle tour companies host hundreds of tourist bikers, **everyday** on State Highways 378 crater road and 377 Haleakala Highway from crater road towards Makawao. The improvements listed above are much needed for the safety of the bike riders and the motorist using these upcountry highways. We ask that the items listed in Bike Plan Hawaii and proposed in the draft STIP be included on the final STIP.

Mahalo, Richard Goodenough, President Maui Downhill

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To "Mike Price" @STATEHIUS
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: My Priorities for STIP neighbor island survey

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the Island of Hawaii with us. Your priority (high, med, low, non) for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape our priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

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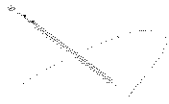


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Linda J. Price 08-13-stip-survey-draft-bigisland.pdf



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"SC HI O Mikulina, Jeff" < >
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP,
FY 2006 to FY 2008

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STIP Manager

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Subject Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP, FY
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4 - Do not evaluate Superferry impacts

5 - Promise (a) detailed technical, financial, and environmental studies (b) securing of approvals and (c) consideration of concerns of agencies and the public, before actions are taken

Please see below for details. Thank you for considering my comments.

Mahalo,

Cory Harden,

Details re. Superferry impacts that should be included in any EIS that evaluates Pier 4--

Risk to whales and other marine life from collision and noise

Need for an Endangered Species review

Possible conflict of interest from Superferry staff having membership on Hawaiian Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Impacts on native species

Risk of spreading invasive species

Risk of resource exhaustion from O'ahu visitors overwhelming outer island fisheries and recreation resources

Update on lawsuits re. environmental issues

Security needs to prevent terrorist and illegal activities

Military use

Traffic

Interference with freight operations

Possible bankruptcy

Misleading statements by Superferry in advertising and at public meetings

1 - Details on Federal funding

In a major change of plans, Federal funds are now proposed for Pier 4.

"State of Hawaii funds and land will be utilized for the proposed harbor development. No federal funds will be used." *EIS, p. 2-43*

"The State Department of Transportation is providing an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the proposed Amendment #10 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 to 2008 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP document identifies projects that are to be programmed for federal Highway or federal Transit funding. The intent of this amendment is to reflect changes to FHWA-funded projects located throughout the State." *5-21-07 e-mail from Highway Planning Branch*

2 - Details on overdue updates

An update is four years overdue. The EIS is dated July 24, 2001. But the improvements were proposed in the Master Plan, which is dated August 1998. "A re-evaluation of the proposed improvements will be done every five years to see if any conditions have changed requiring a new Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement." *EIS*, p. 2-43

"The 2020 Master Plan remains flexible, allowing adaptations to changing economic, social, land use policy and other forces that shape harbor developments. Planning documents are usually updated every five years to address such changes." *Plan*, p. v

"The 2020 Master Plan...will be updated approximately every 5 years." *EIS*, p. 1-2

3 - Details on mention of ferries

Ferries are not mentioned at all where one might expect it--

Summary of plans for Kawaihae Harbor does not include ferries *Plan*, p. v

List of factors impacting commercial harbor planning does not mention ferries *Plan*, p. I-2

"2020 PROJECTIONS" does not include ferries *Plan*, p. V-9 to V-10

Plan participant list has no ferry people *Plan*, p. IX-1

EIS User Group list has no ferry people *EIS*, p. 1-2

Discussion of beneficial and adverse impacts of proposed harbor development does not mention ferries *EIS*, p. 1-5

"Increased traffic at Hilo Harbor and Kawaihae Harbor is anticipated due to cargo and cruise ship operations." No mention of ferries. *EIS*, p. 1-6

"The State of Hawaii (must) develops long-range plans for commercial harbor facilities to meet increasing demand for cargo and cruise ships." No mention of ferries. *EIS*, p. 1-1

"Planned commercial harbor improvements will be driven by two factors. The first...will be projected increases in shipping and cargo volume...The second...concerns harbor facilities needed to serve the rapidly expanding cruise ship industry." No mention of ferries. *EIS*, p. 2-9

"Summary of Planned Improvements to 2020, Kawaihae Harbor...Piers 3-4, Terminal Interisland Cargo" does not mention ferries *EIS*, p. 2-20

Pier 4 is not near the "passenger terminal or research station" as you might expect for ferries--it's next to the "military cargo area" and "inter-island cargo terminal", *EIS*, p. 2-21, *Figure 9, 2020 Master Plan Improvements, Kawaihae Harbor*

Ferries are not mentioned in the "2.5 OVERVIEW OF HARBOR DEVELOPMENT...The types of improvements proposed at the two harbors to accommodate growth in both cargo handling and cruise ships are discussed in general terms in this section." *EIS*, p. 2-22

Ferries are not mentioned in "2.6 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT HILO HARBOR AND KAWAIHAE HARBOR...Kawaihae Harbor...2.6.7 Liquid Bulk Terminal (2002) 2.6.8 Dry Bulk Terminals (2003) 2.6.9 Overseas Container Terminal (2008) 2.6.10 Interisland Cargo Terminal (2010)" *EIS*, p. 2-29

When ferries are mentioned, it is brief--

"Harbor planning covers several broad areas of concern...[the list includes] passenger vessels including ferries..." *Plan*, p. II-3

"Intra-island ferry terminal at Young Brothers' current terminal site" *list of issues and needs*, *Plan*, p. V-5

"RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH THE YEAR 2020...Passenger vessel (ferry, cruise ship, etc.) berths at...Pier 4, Kawaihae Harbor." *Plan*, p. VI-1 to VI-4

"While Hawaii offers a prime location for ferry operations and an excellent destination for cruise passengers, passenger terminal facilities are largely lacking. This discrepancy is addressed by the recommendation to construct a primary passenger terminal at Pier 5, Hilo Harbor and an alternate terminal at Pier 4, Kawaihae Harbor." *Plan*, p. VI-6

When passenger vessels are mentioned, that is also brief--

"...Kawaihae is expected to be faced with an increase in ocean passenger vessel calls." *Plan*, p. IV-21

"Technological changes of passenger ships--configuration and needs...Increased passenger use" *list of issues and needs*, *Plan*, p. V-8

"PROPOSED USES...Kawaihae Harbor...interisland cargo terminal at proposed Piers

3-4...passenger terminal and ocean research facility; cargo and military berths for Piers 1, 2A, 2B and proposed Piers 3,4, and 5..." *EIS*, p. 1-4

4 - Details on no evaluation of Superferry impacts

"MILITARY CARGO" section says nothing about military use of a ferry *Plan*, p. VI-8

Traffic analysis for Kawaihae Harbor does not consider almost 600 cars unloading and loading in a few hours, as could occur with Superferry. *EIS*, p. 3-14

The discussion of alien species does not consider ferry passenger baggage and cars.

"There are fundamentally two ways in which alien species can be introduced through harbor operations. One is...*cargo*... The other is...introduction...*into harbor waters* by...ballast water...'graywater'...or 'hull-growth.'" *EIS*, p. 3-35

Introduction of alien species from ferry passenger baggage and cars is not considered.

"The proposed development of the two parcels is not expected to have a significant negative impact on the terrestrial biological resources." *EIS*, p. 3-24

Adequacy of already inadequate fire hydrants, with almost 600 cars lined up, unloading, and loading, is not evaluated. "The spacing of fire hydrants is considered inadequate." *EIS*, p. 3-50

Impacts of homeless people possibly coming on the ferry from O'ahu are not addressed.

"No [population] impacts are expected...as there is no resident population in the commercial harbor area." *EIS*, p. 4-6

Evaluation of recreation impacts does not include potential overburdening of island-wide recreational resources by Superferry visitors. *EIS*, p. 4-27

Evaluation of economic impacts does not consider ferries. *EIS*, p. 4-7

Risk to marine life from Superferry collisions and noise, and risks to non-marine life from numbers of ferry visitors and invasive species, are not evaluated. "...it is not anticipated that there will be any significant impacts to T&E [threatened and endangered] marine and non-marine species..." *EIS*, p. 5-4

5 - Details on promises for detailed technical, financial, and environmental studies; securing of approvals; and considering concerns of agencies and the public before actions are taken

Two Superferry lawsuits are still pending, and a third may be filed. To address concerns, these should be resolved before Department of Transportation takes actions to support Superferry.

"Detailed technical, financial and environmental studies will be undertaken before these recommendations are implemented." *Plan*, p. v

"Detailed technical and environmental studies will be undertaken before these recommendations are implemented." *Plan*, p. I-3

"...the environmental laws, rules, regulations and permits listed under section A of this chapter [Federal, State, County and other] will be addressed before the Harbors Division proceeds to construct the proposed 2020 projects." *Plan*, p. VIII-6

"Comprehensive environmental studies of each site will be completed and the necessary approvals secured before individual projects are started." *Plan*, p. VIII-7

"...Harbors Division will continue to work with harbor users, government agencies, private interest groups and the public...and take into consideration the concerns of agencies and the public." *EIS*, p. 1-7

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To "shannon rudolph"
< >@STATEHIUS
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Superferry Comments

Ms. Rudolph,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2006 to FY 2008

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Shannon Rudolph

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To viviane lerner <
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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP,
FY 2006 to FY 2008

Ms. Lerner,

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Thank you for considering my comments,

Viviane Lerner, Ph.D.

Hilo, HI

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To Lisa Long <@STATEHIUS>
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31,
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2006 to
FY 2008

Ms. Long,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Lisa Long

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To: David H Dinner <[REDACTED]@STATEHIUS
cc
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Subject: Re: Harbor improvements [REDACTED]

Mr. Dinner,

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Patrick Tom
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To: <hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov>
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Subject: Harbor improvements

Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2006 to FY 2008

Dear STIP staff,

Please forbid commencement of improvements to Kawaihai Harbor until an environmental impact study has been performed. The effect of the Superferry on the Harbor must be evaluated before an intelligent harbor design can be considered. You are in the unique position to create the correct sequence of events or to make decisions that will haunt the Island of Hawaii for many years to come. Please do the right thing.

Aloha
David H Dinner

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To "Jim Albertini" <@STATEHIUS>
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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP, FY 2006 to FY 2008

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Jim Albertini
Malu`Aina Center For Non-violent Education & Action

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To @STATEHIUS
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Subject Re: Kawaihae pier work EIS required

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Thank you considering my comments.

Doug Fox

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Projects/HWY/HIDOT
06/04/2007 09:06 AM

To bonnie morgan <
cc
>@STATEHIUS
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP,
FY 2006 to FY 2008

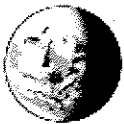
Ms. Morgan,

Thank you for your comments re: our STIP amendment #10. I have forwarded your comments to our Harbors Division. They assure me that construction of the new Pier 4 at Kawaihae Harbor will not be completed until such time that all applicable permits are completed. In addition, the Harbors Division will be initiating updating of the Hawaii Commercial Harbors master plan to the planning horizon of 2030. We welcome your participation in the general public process and your input to any required update of our Chapter 343 document for the master plan. Please contact our Harbors Division for more information about their plans for the development of Pier 4 at Kawaihae Harbor and the update of the Harbors master plan.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

bonnie morgan <

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bonnie morgan
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05/27/2007 10:34 PM

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To hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP, FY
2006 to FY 2008

TO

hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov

SUBJECT

Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, STIP, FY 2006 to FY 2008

SAMPLE LETTER

Pier 4, Kawaihae, amendment #10, project HS 31, Statewide Transportation Improvement
Program, FY 2006 to FY 2008

Dear STIP staff,

No work should begin on Pier 4 at Kawaihae until a new Environmental Impact Statement is completed which includes a thorough evaluation of the impacts of Superferry.

The existing Hawai'i [Island] Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan and accompanying EIS will not suffice because both--

- 1 - Were written before recent plans for Federal funding, which triggers an EIS
- 2 - Are four years overdue for updates
- 3 - Barely mention ferries
- 4 - Do not evaluate Superferry impacts
- 5 - Promise (a) detailed technical, financial, and environmental studies (b) securing of approvals and (c) consideration of concerns of agencies and the public, before actions are taken

Thank you considering for my comment

Bonnie Morgan

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
06/04/2007 03:41 PM

To
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: STIP Question

Hi Mr. Stene,

I found an email from you in my archive in regards to the project priorities for the 06-08 STIP. I noticed that you used a different email account (gmail) than the Hawaiian Tel one you are using now. I will update our emailing list to include this new account information.

In answer to your question, the public comment period for the new 08-13 STIP is now... we have set the deadline for this week Friday, but we will continue to collect survey input until we finalize the survey results table.

The surveys for the Big Island is available online at:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/08-13-stip-survey-draft-bigisland.xls>

You may email this completed file back to this email address or mail it back via postal service. That contact information is located on the bottom of the survey.

Thank you for your interest in the STIP. The more information we receive from the public, the more informed our decisions for financially constraining the STIP can be.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Aaron Stene <



Aaron Stene

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06/04/2007 02:43 PM

Please respond to

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov

cc

Subject STIP Question

Aloha,

In the past I've submitted what I believe is priority roadway projects that should be included in the STIP. When will that be available for the upcoming proposed STIP.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/070427-draft-08-13-stip-for-pub.pdf>


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Aaron Stene

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

<http://i> /

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
06/04/2007 03:53 PM

To "les potts" <...>@STATEHIUS
cc Ferdinand Cajigal/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT, Paul
Chung/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT, Charlene
Shibuya/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: ms1 

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MS1 funds the state's guardrail and shoulder improvement program for the island of Maui. It will go to whatever our Maui District Office determines to be the next major guardrail and shoulder improvement priority on Maui. Then the project will be changed to a specific name, like for project MS6 Honoapiilani Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements from Honokahua Bridge to Papanahoa Bridge.

I've forwarded your comments to our Maui District Office. Maybe they know what the next G&S project will be.

(Fred, etal, do you have any specific plans for the next chunk on guardrail and shoulder money in 2008... MS1?)

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"les potts" <...>



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06/04/2007 02:33 PM

To hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov
cc
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mahalo Les Potts

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
06/06/2007 10:20 AM

To
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: STIP Survey

Mr Stene,

I have recieved your input for project priorities on the Big Island. They will be compiled with the rest of the public comments and priorities. We hope to have the results posted on our website before the end of July.

Thanks for your participation!

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Aaron Stene <



Aaron Stene
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06/05/2007 02:32 PM

Please respond to

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject STIP Survey

Aloha,

I'm curious if your office received the STIP survey I sent yesterday.
If not please let me know.

Aaron

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Aaron Stene
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
<http://>

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06/06/2007 10:38 AM

To "les potts" <[redacted]>@STATEHIUS
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Chung/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: ms1 [redacted]

Mr. Potts,

Thanks for your additional comments. I have forwarded them to our Maui District Office. Perhaps it would be better to contact them directly regarding project specific concerns. I only have general knowledge of the conditions and scope of work for STIP projects.

The general phone number for the Maui District Office is 873-3535.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"les potts" <[redacted]>



"les potts"
<[redacted]>
06/06/2007 10:20 AM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Re: ms1

ms6 is troubling to me. I have heard rumor about guardrail in Kahana, around 4790 lower honoapiilani. Property owners don't want us to park mauka, in front of their homes. A guardrail makai will essentially take away ALL access for fishing in this prime area. mahalo les potts

From: Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2007 3:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ferdinand.Cajigal@hawaii.gov, Paul.Chung@hawaii.gov, Charlene.Shibuya@hawaii.gov
Subject: Re: ms1

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Tamura/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Fw: By-pass

Mr. Baybrook,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"George Baybrook" <

05/24/2007 05:51 PM

To <ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject By-pass

I definitely affirm Mr. Price's letter and comments in regards the proposed state by-pass.

George W. Baybrook

P.S. I was born and raised here. Attended Honokaa High School, etc.

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Fw: Kawaihae Bypass Project HS17 and HS18

Mr and Mrs. Rutgers,

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I have also forwarded your comments to our Planning project development team and our District Engineer for Hawaii.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Brigitte & Nick Rutgers <

05/25/2007 06:18 AM

To ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Kawaihae Bypass Project HS17 and HS18

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> South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee
> P.O. Box 383375
> Waikoloa, HI 96738
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> May 21, 2007
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> Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
> State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
> Highways Division, Planning Branch
> 869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
> Honolulu, HI 96813
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> RE: Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS17 and HS18 Comments
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> fatigue on this challenging road. This situation should qualify the
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> Councilman Pete Hoffmann
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> Stanley Tamura-District Engineer DOT Highways Division
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> I/We support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and

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> HS18 STIP Projects;  
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> -- Nick and Brigitte Rutgers  
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Tamura/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Fw: HS17 and HS18 Kawaihae State Bypass Project

Ms. Cole,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Heather Cole" < >

05/25/2007 10:29 AM

To <ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov>

cc < >

Subject HS17 and HS18 Kawaihae State Bypass Project

Please respond to
"Heather Cole" < >

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki:

Reference is made to STIPkawaihaebypass5212007, and I would like to encourage making HS17 and HS18 be placed as a "first priority" project under DOT Highway Division Project Selection Guidelines.

I support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and HS18 STIP projects.

Aloha,

Heather M. Cole

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Subject Fw: STIPkawaihaebypass5212007

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Rhoady R Lee"

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To <ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov>
cc <seninouye@Capitol.hawaii.gov>, <repevans@Capitol.hawaii.gov>,
05/25/2007 12:58 PM <councilmanpete@hawaii.rr.com>, <Brennon.Morioka@hawaii.gov>,
<Stanley.Tamura@hawaii.gov>
Please respond to Subject STIPkawaihaebypass5212007
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Rhoady Lee, Architect

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I support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and HS18 STIP Projects;

Rhoady Lee ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

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Subject Fw: STIPkawaihaebypass5212007--draft letter for your
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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Ann Renick"
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05/25/2007 03:08 PM

To <ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov>

cc "'Bets Lawrence"' <

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Subject FW: STIPkawaihaebypass5212007--draft letter for your consideration and
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Dear Mr. Tsuzuki,

I support the recommendations of The South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee as expressed below. We need this road as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Ann Renick
Director of Admissions
Parker School

May 21, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Highways Division, Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

05/29/2007 01:18
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Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki

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Highways Division, Planning Branch

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Sincerely,

Mike Price-Chair South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee

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I support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and HS18 STIP Projects.

Joanne Kawamata

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Subject Fw: Kawaihae State Bypass
Project--STIPkawaihaebypass5212007

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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To ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Kawaihae State Bypass Project--STIPkawaihaebypass5212007

May 25, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
State Department of Transportation
Highways Division
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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS17 and HS18
(STIPkawaihaebypass5212007)

A recent town meeting in Kamuela, HI showed clearly that there is an overwhelming consensus of the townspeople that the present Kawaihae Road is very dangerous. The increased heavy truck and car traffic has changed the character of an already physically outdated road. We are concerned for the safety of all the people that have to use that unsafe highway in order to get to and from work.

The Kawaihae Bypass Road project HS17 and HS18 should be moved up the timetable and designated as a "First Priority Safety Project" to protect the life and limb of all who are required to travel that way.

Please consider moving the Kawaihae Bypass Road project HS17 and HS18 ahead of the Waimea Bypass HS10 and Waiaka Bridge HS 19, the two projects that we all feel are of less importance.

We appreciate your efforts working on these projects and look forward to a favorable decision.

Sincerely,

Charles Campbell, DVM

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Subject Fw: Waimea Bypass comment

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee
P.O. Box 383375
Waikoloa, HI 96738

May 21, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
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I/We support expediting and funding the Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 and

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Karin and Erik Hazelhoff

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Subject Fw: STIPkawaihaebypass 5212007

Mr. Schulze,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Richard Schulze <

05/28/2007 10:59 AM

To ronald.tsuzuki@hawaii.gov
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Subject STIPkawaihaebypass 5212007

Aloha Mr. Tsuzuki:

The traffic situation in our community is a disaster; there is no way around it. It divides our community with a steady line of noise and smoke. Please, please expedite the bypass road.

Thank you.

Richard Schulze

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Ms. Riera,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject Stip kawaihaebypass 5212007

Aloha,

This is to confirm my full support for this bypass in Waimea. Our community is fully behind this venture and we are more than anxiously awaiting this facilitation of traffic between east and west. Our streets are overly crowded and at a standstill during our peak hours with no alternatives for emergency.

We would love to see this on the 2008 budget and started ASAP.

Sincerely,

Diana Riera

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Subject Re: Draft STIP 2008-2011(+2) STIP Comments

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject Draft STIP 2008-2011(+2) STIP Comments

Aloha Ron,

On behalf of the Maui Bicycle Alliance, a grassroots bicycling advocacy organization committed to improving conditions for bicycling in Maui County, we would like to submit our comments and questions regarding the proposed 2008-2011(+2) State of Hawaii DOT and County of Maui STIP Projects

We will be attending the scheduled hearings on Maui the week of May 21-24 to also make our comments known.

The Maui Bicycle Alliance is asking for further information and is supporting the following changes to the proposed STIP Plan for 2008-2011(+2). The items listed below were found in the 070427-draft-08-13-stip-for-pub.pdf document as obtained from the HDOT website.

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation-Highways Maui Division
Projects

- 1) Add new item combining current Pali to Puamana Plans with Future Honoapiilani Greenway (as is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii item #73 which is from Ukumehame Beach Park to Front St. Lahaina). Appropriate adequate monies for ROW and design in Fiscal Year

2012. Coordinate with County DPWEM on appropriate parcels.

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11) Support for item # **MS17-Puunene Avenue Bicycle Improvements**-Kaahumanu Avenue to Kuihelani Highway, Fiscal Year 2010. (As noted in Bike Plan Hawaii, Map#16a)

12) Improve bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MS20**, Waiehu Beach Road, Bridge Rehabilitation, Fiscal Year 2010. Provide adequate space for bicycling travel along bridge over Iao Stream in both directions!

County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management Projects.

1) **Delete item # MC2**, Baldwin Avenue Bike Facility, from funding for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. We do not support SAFETEA-LU Funding for this proposed project. Wait until Downhill Bike Tour Assessment is completed (as listed in County of Maui Fiscal Year 2008, Makawao, Pukalani, Kula CIP Plan) to determine appropriate facilities, if any, for Downhill Bike Tour use along Baldwin Avenue. Funding for this project was reduced in Fiscal Year 2008 Budget by the County Council to \$100,000 for design work only (pending full council approval by end of May). Revise STIP Fiscal Year 2009 to reflect this change (if reduction in funding is approved) No money for land acquisition/ROW was approved by the Maui County Council for Fiscal Year 2008.

2) Complete item # **MC3, Baldwin Park Bikeway** in Fiscal Year 2008. This project is long overdue.

3) Add new Item, North Shore Bikeway Extension, from Nonohe Street to Baldwin Beach Park. Appropriate adequate monies for ROW, design and construction and implement in Fiscal Year 2010. Item is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii as Map#27. Project was split with half being completed as above project. This project is needed to complete entire Northshore Greenway from Paia to Kahului.

4) Add new item combining current Pali to Puamana plans with Future Honoapiilani Greenway (as is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii item #73 which is from Ukumehame Beach Park to Front St. Lahaina). Appropriate adequate monies for ROW and design in Fiscal Year 2012. Coordinate with State DOT Highways on appropriate parcels.

5) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #MC8, Kulanihakoi Bridge Replacement. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010, 2011

6) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #MC13, Kahului Beach Road-Shoreline Protection. Fiscal Year 2010

7) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item #MC13, Lower Main Street-Waiale Road Improvements-Hala Street to Mill St. Fiscal Year 2010,2011

8) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item #MC14, Lower Main Street Improvements. Mill St. to Kuikahi St. Fiscal Year 2010, 2011.

9) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #MC16, Makawao Avenue-Makani Road Improvements, Phase 1, Eddie Tam Gym to Kalama Intermediate. Fiscal Year 2008, 2009. (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Map # 34 and 35)

10) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #MC17, Makawao Avenue-Makani Road Improvements, Phase 2, Eddie Tam Gym to Baldwin Avenue. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010. (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Map # 34)

11) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #MC18, Mill Street Extension. Lahainaluna Road to Aholo Street. Fiscal Year 2009

12) Item #'s MC20, 21 and 22, North South Collector Road, please confirm inclusion of Kihei Greenway in these proposed

plans. Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011. (as noted in Bike Plan Hawaii, Map# 55,56a,546b)

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Please confirm via email that you have received these comments and they will be added to the STIP hearing comments and public records. Please forward these comments to the appropriate County of Maui Department personnel.

If you and the appropriate County of Maui person can respond to our questions (highlighted in red) via email, it would be much appreciated.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Walter Enomoto
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Subject Re: Attention Ronald Tsuzuki: I support bikeways on Maui□

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<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/index.htm>

Also, I have recently responded to Mr. Walter Enomoto in regards to comments from the Maui Bicycling Alliance. I think the response (see below) should provide you with further answers.

Patrick Tom
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Subject Attention Ronald Tsuzuki: I support bikeways on Maui

Dear Ronald,

I am a tax-paying citizen of Maui who supports bikeways on the island. So does my husband, Mark Tracy. We are avid bikers. All of the old places we used to bike are being developed and gated off. Please build these bikeway projects (scroll below to see) so we may continue a sport we both love.

We have traveled to cities such as Sydney and Amsterdam, which are so pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Maui, a top tourist destination, is sorely lacking in this regard. While I support any bike path project, I prefer them to be built separate from the roadways and landscaped beautifully.

Lastly, the north shore bikeway from Kahului to Paia has been on the books a long time. I'd like to see that one finished first.

Mahalo,
Carla Tracy / Dining Editor

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I've highlighted the more important items in red.

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation-Highways Maui Division Projects

- 1) Add new item combining current Pali to Puamana Plans with Future Honoapiilani Greenway (as is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii item #73 which is from Ukumehame Beach Park to Front St. Lahaina). Appropriate adequate monies for ROW and design in Fiscal Year 2012. Coordinate with County DPWEM on appropriate parcels.
- 2) Please identify and prioritize roadways in item # **MS1** -Guardrail and shoulder improvements, so that we can provide comments in relation to bicycle use and conditions for the exact location. Fiscal Year 2008.
- 3) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MS4**, Hana Highway Widening-Kaahumanu Avenue to the vicinity of Kahului Airport Access Road. Fiscal Year 2008, 2009, 2011
- 4) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item #**MS7**, Honoapiilani Highway Re-Alignment Phase 1B1, Fiscal Year 2008, 2009

5) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item **#MS9**, Honoapiilani Highway-Shoreline Improvements, Vicinity of Olowalu. Fiscal Year 2011

6) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item **#MS10**, Honoapiilani Highway Widening and/or Re-Alignment Phase 1C1, Keawe Street Extension to Kaanapali Connector. Fiscal Year 2012

7) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item **#MS12**, Kahului Airport Access Road. Signed shoulders or other facility to accommodate bicyclists who will travel to and from the airport on bicycles. Fiscal Year 2008, 2009

8) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item **#MS14**, Kahului Beach Road-Shoreline Protection. Fiscal Year 2010 (also noted in Bike Plan Hawaii as proposed signed shared roadway)

9) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item **#MS15**, North Kihei Road-Shoreline Protection, Fiscal Year 2011, (also noted in Bike Plan Hawaii as proposed signed shared roadway)

10) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item **#MS16**, Paia Bypass Road (Paia Alternative Route), Fiscal Year 2011, 2013

11) Support for item **# MS17-Puunene Avenue Bicycle Improvements**-Kaahumanu Avenue to Kuihelani Highway, Fiscal Year 2010. (As noted in Bike Plan Hawaii, Map#16a)

12) Improve bicycle access in the design and construction of item **# MS20**, Waiehu Beach Road, Bridge Rehabilitation, Fiscal Year 2010. Provide adequate space for bicycling travel along bridge over Iao Stream in both directions!

County of Maui, Department of Public Works and Environmental Management Projects.

1) **Delete item # MC2**, Baldwin Avenue Bike Facility, from funding for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. We do not support SAFETEA-LU Federal funding for this proposed project. Wait until Downhill Bike Tour Assessment is completed (as listed in County of Maui Fiscal Year 2008, Makawao, Pukalani, Kula CIP Plan) to determine appropriate facilities, if any, for Downhill Bike Tour use along Baldwin Avenue. Funding for this project was reduced in Fiscal Year 2008 Budget by the County Council to \$100,000 for design work only (pending full council approval by end of May). Revise STIP Fiscal Year 2009 to reflect this change (if reduction in funding is approved) No money for land acquisition/ROW was approved by the Maui County Council for Fiscal Year 2008.

2) Complete item # **MC3**, **Baldwin Park Bikeway** in Fiscal Year 2008!

3) Add new Item, North Shore Bikeway Extension, from Nonohe Street to Baldwin Beach Park. Appropriate adequate monies for ROW, design and construction and implement in Fiscal Year 2010. Item is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii as Map#27. Project was split with half being completed as above project. This project is needed to complete entire Northshore Greenway from Paia to Kahului.

4) Add new item combining current Pali to Puamana plans with Future Honoapiilani Greenway (as is listed in Bike Plan Hawaii item #73 which is from Ukumehame Beach Park to Front St. Lahaina). Appropriate adequate monies for ROW and design in Fiscal Year 2012. Coordinate with State DOT Highways on appropriate parcels.

5) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC8**, Kulanihakoi Bridge Replacement. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010, 2011

6) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC13**, Kahului Beach Road-Shoreline Protection. Fiscal Year 2010

7) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item #**MC13**, Lower Main Street-Waiale Road Improvements-Hala Street to Mill St. Fiscal Year 2010,2011

8) Provide for bicycle access in the design of item #**MC14**, Lower Main Street Improvements. Mill St. to Kuikahi St. Fiscal Year 2010, 2011.

9) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC16**, Makawao Avenue-Makani Road Improvements, Phase 1, Eddie Tam Gym to Kalama Intermediate. Fiscal Year 2008, 2009. (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Map # 34 and 35)

10) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC17**, Makawao Avenue-Makani Road Improvements, Phase 2, Eddie Tam Gym to Baldwin Avenue. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010. (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Map # 34)

11) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC18**, Mill Street Extension. Lahainaluna Road to Aholo Street. Fiscal Year 2009

12) Item #'s **MC20, 21 and 22**, North South Collector Road, please confirm inclusion of Kihei Greenway in these proposed plans. Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011. (as noted in Bike Plan Hawaii, Map# 55,56a,546b)

13) Ensure that item# **MC37**, Waiale Road Extension, incorporates signed shared roadway shoulders into design in Fiscal year 2010 (as noted in Bike Plan Hawaii Map# 3).

14) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC23**, Ohukai Road Improvements. Fiscal Year 2013. (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Map # 61)

15) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC29**, Roundabout at Piikea Avenue and Liloa Avenue. Fiscal Year 2008, 2009 (As noted is Bike Plan Hawaii Bicycle ³Projects Currently Underway² page D-5)

16) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC30**, South Kihei Road Improvements, Kulanihakoi Street to Ohukai Street. Fiscal Year 2010, 2011

17) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item #**MC31**, South Kihei Road- Improvements. Lipoa St. to Kulanihakoi Street. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010

18) Maintain bicycle access in the design and construction of item # **MC32**, South Kihei Road Improvements. Ohukai Street to Uwapo Road. Fiscal Year 2009, 2010, 2011

19) Provide for bicycle access in the design and construction of item # **MC38**, Waiko Road Improvements. Honoapiilani Highway to Kuihelani Highway. Fiscal Year 2011, 2012

20) Support for item# **MC40, Waipuilani Bikeway**, Fiscal Year 2009. (to tie into Bike Plan Hawaii item #58a in the future)

21) Support for item# **MC43**, Rural Transportation Program. Support Bikes on Bus Program implemented by D. Medeiros of the Maui DOT.(as noted in Bike Plan Hawaii page 7-20)

Hwy Stip
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06/12/2007 03:22 PM

To thorne abbott <[redacted]>@STATEHIUS
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Shibuya/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT, Bryan
Kimura/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Support for Bike lanes - Kula, Maui [redacted]

Mr. Abbott,

Thank you for notifying us of your opinions for proposed federal aid projects for the Island of Maui. Your opinion will be tabulated along with the rest of the public comments we receive. The composite results will help us make a more informed decision when considering all priorities statewide and constraining the new 08-11 STIP. We hope to post the results along with the financially constrained 08-11 STIP on our DOT website by August.

In regards you r comments on shoulder improvements in Kula. You seem to be referring to project MS1. This funds the state's guardrail and shoulder improvement *program* for the island of Maui. It will go to whatever our Maui District Office determines to be the next major guardrail and shoulder improvement priority on Maui. Then the project will be changed to a specific name, like for project MS6 Honoapiilani Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements from Honokahua Bridge to Papanahoa Bridge. Also our Maui District Office has just responded to a similar comment on MS1... see the following...

The most critical area that needs guardrail or barrier & shoulder improvements on the State Highway System is the section of Honoapiilani Highway along the Ukumehame - Olowalu shoreline. Some of the existing concrete barriers are deteriorated and undermined leaving gaps in the shoulder barriers. Along areas that had guardrails installed, we have tried our best to leave shoulder spaces available where vehicles would not be exposed to a drop-off into the shoreline waters.

It seems that they will be focusing on the Olowalu shoreline in the immediate future. It's possible that other all locally funded projects for shoulder improvements could be ongoing. I have forwarded your comments to our Maui District Office and our Traffic Operations Section (bike coordination) for their information and consideration.

Patrick Tom
STIP Mananger

thorne abbott <[redacted]>



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<[redacted]>
05/21/2007 08:21 AM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Support for Bike lanes - Kula, Maui

As a resident of Kula and a planner for the county of Maui, I strongly support the proposed three projects to
1) have bicycle shoulder lanes on Kula Hwy from Kekaulike to Keokea
2) have bicycle shoulder lanes on Rt 377 from 5 Trees

to bottom of Crater Road
3) have van pull outs along Crater Road

Thank you
Thorne Abbott

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: STIP Comments--Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 & HS18
[REDACTED]

Mr. Price,

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee's Petition supporting the Kawaihae Bypass. We have since received many signed copies. We will reflect these opinions accordingly in our survey and reiterate the desire of the signees for acceleration of this project to our administration.

We will be responding to your petition, in writing soon.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Mike Price" <[REDACTED]>



"Mike Price"
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05/22/2007 02:55 PM

To <Hwy.STIP.Projects@hawaii.gov>
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Subject STIP Comments--Kawaihae State Bypass HS17 & HS18

Aloha,

See the attached petition.

Mike

Mike Price - Chair
South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee
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To "Robert J. Cartwright"
< >@STATEHIUS
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Copy of 08-13-stip-survey-draft-maui.xls

Mr. Cartwright,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Maui with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

A compilation of public opinions of project priorities will be posted on our website in a few weeks as well as our version of a financially constrained STIP.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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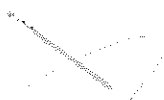
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cc
Subject Copy of 08-13-stip-survey-draft-maui.xls

Aloha,

Here is the survey I have completed. Thank you for allowing us to give our input.

Robert J. Cartwright, Principal Broker
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(office)
(direct fax)
Whalers Realty Inc.

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To "DEREK" . >@STATEHIUS
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Survey

Derek,

Sorry, "Mr. Cartwright" was the person before you who I emailed... you didn't include your last name so I overlooked changing it in my message. My appologies...

Mr. Cartwright,

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject Survey

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06/14/2007 10:59 AM

To "Jerry Edlao" <@STATEHIUS>
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: SURVEY [REDACTED]

Mr. Edlao,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Maui with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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05/24/2007 08:18 AM

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To <Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject SURVEY

Thank You for your efforts and explanation of projects for the State

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT

Subject Re: Maui STIP comments

Mr. Young,

Thank you for your comments. The money identified for MS1 - Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements at Various Locations are prioritized for use in the most critical places 1st, by our Maui district office. When that has been determined this project will eventually show up with a specific location in the STIP... project MS6 - H-Piilani Hwy, Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements, Honokahua Stream Bridge to Papanahoa Stream Bridge... is a good example. The Maui district office has informed me that the next area that are focusing on to use these monies are in the Olowalu shoreline area.

Money to implement projects identified in the Hawaii Bike Plan will typically use a different local source of funding and will produce it's own specific projects. These projects are not generally identified through the Guardrail and Shoulder Improvement "program". Our Traffic Branch, who is managing the Hawaii Bike Plan, will be undergoing a process to prioritize "Priority 1" projects identified in the plan for programming and funding. For more information on this process, please use the contact information for the Highways Traffic Branch located on our DOT website. See link.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/contact.htm>

I have copied our Maui District office and our Traffic branch for their information.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Aloha Department of Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2008-2011 STIP. I am hoping that under the Maui MS1 road shoulder improvements (various locations) that Kula Highway towards Keokea will qualify for bike shoulder lane improvements. This is listed in the Hawaii Bike Plan as a priority project and is needed. There are several areas along the road that need widening to safety share the road with the many bicyclists that use the road.

Also, Haleakala Highway leading to and from Haleakala National Park is also listed in Hawaii Bike Plan as an area receiving priority for shoulder bike lane improvements. This area is used by the commercial bike companies and the number of bikers and cars is only increasing. Again, there are several areas that need widening to make the road safe for both biking and driving.

Thank you for considering these two areas for improvements. There have been a number of accidents and deaths on these roads and widening the tight areas will help to prevent further accidents.

Mahalo,
Jim Young

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: budget funding for Maui

Ms. Young,

Thank you for your comments. I believe that the projects you are referring to are identified in Bike Plan Hawaii 2003. Our Traffic Branch, who is managing the Hawaii Bike Plan, will be undergoing a process to prioritize "Priority 1" projects identified in the Plan for funding. For more information on this process, please use the contact information for the Highways Traffic Branch located on our DOT website. See link.

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I have copied our Maui District office and our Traffic branch for their information.

Also, I looked into the information that you mentioned that you read in the Kula Community Association newsletter about the possibility of getting state funds in the budget for bike lanes on Kula and Haleakala Highway. In looking at the FY2008 budget bill (not yet signed and approved by the GOV), we didn't find any proposed DOT appropriation for these specific projects. There is a Statewide bike appropriation, which we checked and which did identify some specific projects that it would likely be used for from Maui, but only Puunene Bike Improvements and Haleakala Nat. Park Bike pull-outs were identified (which are both presently identified on the STIP as MS2 and MS17).

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



05/29/2007 06:01 AM

To hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject Re: budget funding for Maui

Aloha Department of Transportation,

The Kula Community Association newsletter informed us the possibility of getting state funds in the budget for bike lanes for Kula Highway and for Haleakala Highway. As an occasional biker on these roads, I can tell you they are needed. Kula Highway (Route 37) has wide shoulders on parts of the highway, but the area towards Keokea needs expansion in some areas to make it safer for riding. I prefer to ride on this road as it is not filled with unpredictable tourist bikers, but do know that Haleakala Highway (Route 377) from Crater Road down also needs road improvements. My first priority, however, is Kula Highway, then followed by Haleakala Highway. Thank you for taking my input.

Sincerely,
Shari Young

- See what's free at AOL.com.

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Projects/HWY/HIDOT
06/15/2007 11:13 AM

To "Arlene Block" <
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Waimea Votes on STIP

Mr. and Mrs. Block,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aid efforts.

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Arlene Block" <



"Arlene Block"
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To <hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject Waimea Votes on STIP

Ken and Alrene Block residing at 64-5311 Puu Nanea St, Kamuela Hawaii 96743 wish to cast the following votes (opinions?) as a follow up on the STIP meeting held here recently:

HS10--2 votes High
HS16--2 votes High
HS17--2 votes High
HS18--2 votes High
HS19--2 votes Low

HC8--2 votes High
HC11--2 votes High

Aloha, Ken and Arlene Block

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Testimony on HS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass) [1]

Mr. Breakstone,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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In general response to your specific comments on the long wait for the Waimea Bypass... We must follow through with highway project development procedures as specified by state and federal law. In many cases, taking projects through this process can unearth many challenges that can stall project development... Sometimes for long periods of time. However, these procedures are in place to make sure that everything is considered before a final decision is made... And I agree with you that the ability and willingness to compromise must often be part of the solution.

I have copied your comments and this response to the recipients that you have copied in your original email as well as our Hawaii District Engineer and DOT Highways Planning staff.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"brian e. breakstone" <

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Subject Testimony on HS10 - Hawaii Belt Road, Mud Lane to the



Kamuela Race Track (Waimea Bypass)

I am very much in favor of funding HS10 - an alternate route that would start in the vicinity of Mud Lane and end at the Parker Ranch Race Track outside of Kamuela. However, I am not in favor of widening the existing Mamalahoa Highway that runs from Mud Lane into the town of Kamuela. Waimea is now longer a "One Road Town."

This is basically the same road that was recommended in the Kohala -Hamakua Regional General Plan, prepared for Planning and Traffic Commission in September, 1963! Why has it taken us so long to fund something that was so obviously needed years ago and would have benefited everyone long term?

I am long time resident of Waimea, and a property owner with land bordering Mamalahoa Highway. I've also been walking on Mana Road for twenty three years! I feel that I have a good sense of what the community would gain, and what it would lose. I request that the State introduce an alignment that would not take away the beauty of this area, and would be acceptable to Hawaiian Homelands.

Our community is being book ended with proposed Hawaiian Homelands developments, and other developments as well, that would use Hawaii Belt Road as an entry point. We need compromising from everyone to benefit everyone.

I urge that HS10, the Waimea Bypass road be funded along with HS18 - Kawaihae Bypass Road, Phase 1 of 3, and HS17.

Sincerely,

Brian Breakstone

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Subject Re: Completed Survey, Island of Hawai'i [redacted]

Ms. Glass,

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I have also forwarded your comments to our Hawaii District Engineer.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Anika Glass" <



"Anika Glass"
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05/31/2007 10:35 AM

To HWY.STIP.PROJECTS@HAWAII.GOV
cc
Subject Completed Survey, Island of Hawai'i

Attached is my completed survey.

Priority One.

I am in total agreement with SKTSC Chairman Price's recommendations regarding the Kawaihae Bypass. It is essential.

Even when the Saddle Road is a 4 lane freeway, drivers still must get from the intersection of the Mamalahoa Highway to the resorts.

Priority Two

Anything and everything to improve the safety of the Belt Road and the entire Hamakua coast to Hilo.

Priority Three

We are serious about the need for bike path in Waimea-Kamuela. This is not for a handful of triathletes but something the entire community will use for many purposes. It will need signage about bikers yeilding to walkers! It will save lives.

Anika Glass

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Subject Re: Fw: STIP Testimony re: Kawaihae State Bypass Projects
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Mr Frazier,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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In response to your comments, we feel that our public involvement process is fairly thorough. Opportunity to be informed about (press releases, multiple ads in multiple newspapers, posting on our website, mail outs, email notices) our STIP public involvement process and to comment on (email, mail, fax, come to any one of 4 meetings on the Big Island) the draft STIP are plentiful and flexible. That said, your idea to include the transit commuting public is innovative. While it's too late to implement for this STIP update process, it may be possible to implement in the future.

The opinions of the South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee on the projects you list are well known to us. We have received many signatures in support of the Kawaihae Bypass **over** the Waiaka Bridge project (HS19) and even the Waimea Bypass (HS10). Presently, the Waimea Bypass is ahead of the Kawaihae Bypass in the environmental process, and is therefore presently proposed to obtain design funds earlier. Should the time come when the Kawaihae Bypass environmental process is completed before the Waimea Bypass environmental process, we will re-evaluate the program to see what ultimately gets funded within the financial constraint and when.

(ready-to-go... see #3 in Project Eligibility Requirements information sheet...
<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/stip-proj-elig.pdf>)

Thank you again for your comments. It is very important to us to hear all voices from the public.

I have also forwarded your comments to our Hawaii District Engineer and our Kawaihae Bypass project management team for their information and consideration.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Jim Frazier" <



"Jim Frazier"

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To <hwyt.stip.projects@hawaii.gov>



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Please respond to
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cc

Subject Fw: STIP Testimony re: Kawaihae State Bypass Projects

Attention: Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki



Sorry for the confusion but wanted to make the connection. Jim STIP Bypass to DOT.doc

JAMES A FRAZIER

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June 5, 2007

Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Highways Division, Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Kawaihae State Bypass Project HS17 and HS 18

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki,

At the recent STIP meeting Mr. Brennon Morioka held with the Waimea (Kamuela) community, there was very strong support for the shift in prioritizing HS17 and HS18 to a higher, more immediate status. You have received this rational based on the requirements for highway safety and the demands caused by daily commuting. The DOT has asked for and has received thoughtful input, with supporting research, on the demands by the current traffic through this community.

As part of the data collection I would suggest that the commuting population be screened as a community, much the same way the residence communities have been. The County of Hawaii has very effectively fostered public transportation and this group of the working public should be canvassed by your consultants on the need for safer highways without the delays of town congestion and school bus traffic. These same people will be commuting while the STIP meetings are being conducted and not be in attendance to voice their concerns.

The South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee has been actively monitoring, signaling, communicating and enlisting the participation of the administration of the DOT to hear the community's concerns. The assessment of the priorities is not a selfish, self serving one but one of island wide needs for both safety and economics. The selection of HS10 and HS19 ahead of HS17 and HS18 is not what was supported in all the group discussions.

If you are selecting a "First Priority Safety Project" the Kawaihae State Bypass is years overdue and HS17 and HS18 should move to a position where 2008 funds will expedite planning, land acquisitions and construction.

Thank you for this opportunity to add community input to the planning process. We know your charge is State wide and other communities are vying for the same CIP dollars, so please give this recommended change considerable thought as it is grass roots input on a subject that has a major impact on this community and the Island of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

James A. Frazier

Copy by e-mail: State Senator Lorraine Inouye
 State Representative Cindy Evans
 State Representative Dwight Takamine
 Mayor Harry Kim
 Councilman Pete Hoffmann
 Brennon Morioka, DOT Highways Division
 Stanley Tamura, DOT Highways District Engineer
 Mike Price, South Kohala Traffic Safety Committee, Chair

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: bike tours

Ms. Cabral,

Thank you for your comments. I have been informed that the State DOT is not allowed to regulate users of the public highway. However, Maui County is going through the process to develop an ordinance that may guide bike tour operators to improve the safety of their operations. I don't know what the status of this effort is, but I have copied Maui County's public works department. They may know more about this effort.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Sylvia Cabral" < >



"Sylvia Cabral"

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Subject bike tours

aloha: I am new to the bike problems because I don't live in Kula, however, I thought why not have the bike tours stop at the intersection where it meets the highway (Keakaulike) somewhere around sunrise market, get into the vans and thats it.

Sylvia Cabral Realty 808 879 9007
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To Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
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Subject Fw: Support of HS18 - Kawaihae Road Bypass, Waimea to
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Subject Re: Support of HS18 - Kawaihae Road Bypass, Waimea to
Kawaihae, Phase 1 of 3

Jeanne and Tom,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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I am not aware of the exact status of the project development for the Kawaihae Bypass EIS. I do know that much work/analysis has already been done for this project and its possible alignments. If the alignment you are referring to below is not already being considered, it would be difficult, at this stage of the EIS development, to include it. I have forwarded your comment on your preferred alignment to the Kawaihae Bypass EIS project management team for their information. Furthermore, I have been informed that there should be a couple more public meetings in regards to this Kawaihae Bypass. I encourage you to get involved through these meetings.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject Support of HS18 - Kawaihae Road Bypass, Waimea to
Kawaihae, Phase 1 of 3

We strongly support HS18 - Kawaihae Road Bypass, Waimea to Kawaihae, Phase 1 of 3.

The Kawaihae Road Bypass will provide one part of a critically-needed route for commuters and freight to cross North Hawaii.

We request that one of the alternative alignments being considered in detail is one that would intersect with Mamalahoa Hwy south of the airport.

We urge that HS18 - Kawaihae Road Bypass, Waimea to Kawaihae, Phase 1 of 3 be funded. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Our name and address is:

Jeanne Oshima and Tom Bailey

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06/18/2007 09:57 AM

To: Avi and Sheila Okin <

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bcc: Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT

Subject: Re: Completed survey re draft stip for Hawaii Island []

Mr. Okin,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Avi and Sheila Okin <

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Subject: Completed survey re draft stip for Hawaii Island

To: Ronald Tsuzuki, Head Planning Engineer
State Dept. of Transportation
Highways Div.
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki,

As instructed in the 15 May 2007 meeting in Waimea (Kamuela) I have completed the survey for projects on the Big Island and have attached your .xls file with my priorities therein. I appreciated your staff's presentation and the opportunity to set priorities for Hawaii's limited STIP funds for the next several years.

Mahalo

Aloha

Avi Okin

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Subject Re: ATT: Ronald Tsuzuki; Draft STIP Comments

Ms. Fleming,

We will be responding more formally to Council Member Jacobson's comment in writing, but I can offer a quick response here via email. I am unaware of any State DOT appropriation (in the proposed budget bill or from the past) to be the matching funds for development of a Old Volcano Trail. Usually, before we can try to commit FHWA funds to an effort (list projects on the STIP), local matching funds (usually 20%) must be obtained, or have a reasonable means of being obtained. That also helps to ensure that there is a sponsoring agency who will be responsible for the project's development. Maybe it's something the County of Hawaii Department of Public Works is looking to support?

Also, depending on what the scope and purpose and need for this project would be (parallel roadway to address vehicular capacity needs, or paved commuter ped/bike path, or recreational trail), it should be identified in the Long Range Land Transportation Plan for the Big Island for either the DOT or DPW to fully support it (I don't believe it presently is). Coincidentally, we are about to undertake the update of this plan for each county within a number of months.

Then it still must compete for the limited federal aid funds and authority that is available with all the other projects that qualify.

I have forwarded this response to my administration, the DOT's Hawaii District Office and Hawaii County's Department of Public Works to further help me confirm the availability or non-availability of a local match.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject ATT: Ronald Tsuzuki; Draft STIP Comments

Aloha:

Please find attached Hawai'i County Council Member Bob Jacobson's comments re the Draft STIP. The report mentioned in his comments is in the mail to you along with the original letter. Mahalo.

Melissa Fleming

Council Aide, District 6

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To Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
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Subject Fw: Comments on STIP

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Subject Re: Comments on STIP

Thank you for your comments.

I believe the areas for improvements you mention below for Haleakala and Kula Highways and Crater Road are identified in the Hawaii Bike Plan. Some funding is already identified for Crater Rim Road bike pullouts. In fact, it is listed in the draft STIP (for proposed use of federal highway funds) as project MS2. I will include your high priority for MS2 in our compiled public survey data.

Our Traffic Branch, who is managing the Hawaii Bike Plan, will be undergoing a process to prioritize "Priority 1" projects identified in the plan for programming and funding. For more information on this process, please use the contact information for the Highways Traffic Branch located on our DOT website. See link.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/contact.htm>

I have copied our Maui District office and our Traffic branch for their information.

If the other improvements you are advocating are not identified as "Priority 1" in the present plan, I encourage you to get involved in the update to this plan... I believe our intent is to try to update Bike Plan Hawaii every 5 years.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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To <hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov>
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Subject Comments on STIP



Aloha,

We want to express how grateful we are to have the opportunity to comment on the road improvements needed for Maui. As you may be aware Haleakala Bike Company is an establishment that has the privilege of sharing the Haleakala downhill experience with visitors as well as residents. We have been in business for over a dozen years and are very aware and concerned about the condition of Haleakala Highway (377) and Crater Road. We are able to send hundreds of bikers down those roads monthly and due to the lack of adequate shoulder bike lanes and road improvements we fear for the absolute safety of both the cyclist and vehicles. Our company has taken many steps and continue to do so in making the ride as safe as possible for our riders. Monthly safety meetings, annual equipment orders, daily bike maintenance is just a few of the steps that we take on a regular basis. We have done all we can to ensure our bikers have the safest ride down. It is now and has always been our concern that the County, State, and DOT help make this a safer road for bikers by improving the roads and adding bike lanes. It is our understanding that the Haleakala Highway (377) and Crater road are the most traveled roads by bikers in the state, and the DOT has the opportunity to make it one of the safest for bikers and vehicles.

Another concern worth addressing is funding for bike lanes along Kula Highway towards Keokea. Once again this is a popular spot for people to ride bicycles. We rent road bikes to both residents and visitors of Hawaii and the most popular road bike trek would be the trip out to Tedeschi Winery in Ulupalukua. It's a beautiful ride and we are proud to share it with avid cyclists. However, the stretch between Highway 377 and Keokea does require some upgrades. Bigger bike lanes would go a long way with making this section safer for both vehicles and bikers.

Thank you for the consideration put into making these areas safer for all that use them. Please feel free to contact us for more information on the areas specified as well as suggestions or comments. We are gladly working with the Kula Community Association on road safety of bikers and vehicles in the Kula area. We now look forward to doing the same with the rest of the public and the DOT.

Mahalo,
Haleakala Bike Company

Ben Hall – Owner
Joe Hall -- Operations Manager

Lewis Upfold -- Office Manager

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Subject Re: STIP: Big Island Projects Survey FY 2006 thru FY 2008
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Ms. Lueders,

Thank you for sharing your STIP priorities for the County of Hawaii with us. The priorities you indicated for these projects will be compiled with other public opinions. Public comments will help us shape the statewide priorities for the new 2008-2011(+2) STIP. Presently, with our numerous project needs, and the limited federal funding we anticipate that we will receive, it is important for us to hear from the public so that we may make more informed decisions on the direction of our federal aided highway efforts.

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In response to the possible acceleration of the construction of the Kawaihae Bypass, some of the things that we must consider include:

1. Project must complete it's Environmental Stage before detailed design work can begin. The EIS must be completed and a Record of Decision (ROD) must be approved. Then design must be completed and all rights-of-way must be obtained before construction can start
2. Funds for must be available. This issue is most important for the construction phase because it is the most costly. Even if the project may be ready to construct in an earlier year than programmed, in order for it to be funded, another project programmed in that earlier year must be deferred. We must maintain the financial constraint of the STIP.

Given that, the DOT recognizes the benefit of both Bypasses in the Waimea area (Kawaihae and Waimea Bypasses) and is continuing to work to develop these efforts as soon as possible.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Ashley Lueders" <

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To <Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject STIP: Big Island Projects Survey FY 2006 thru FY 2008

I read in the North Hawaii News that I could contact you to vote to accelerate the construction of the

Kawaihae Bypass which I wholeheartedly support, so please accept my "YES!" vote on this issue.

Ashley

Ashley Lueders
Ashley's Table, LLC

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bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: Re: STIP Comments-Incoming petition

Ms. Flammer,

Thank you for your comments. The money identified for MS1 - Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements at Various Locations are prioritized for use in the most critical places first, by our Maui District Office. When that has been determined this project will eventually show up with a specific location in the STIP... project MS6 - H-Piilani Hwy, Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements, Honokahua Stream Bridge to Papanahoa Stream Bridge... is a good example. The Maui district office has informed me that the next area that are focusing on to use these monies are in the Olowalu shoreline area.

While we recognize that a number of bicycling improvement projects have safety in mind, money to implement projects specifically identified in the Hawaii Bike Plan will typically use a different local source of funding and will produce it's own specific projects and priorities. These projects are not generally identified through the Guardrail and Shoulder Improvement "program" that generate projects like MS1 and MS6. Our Traffic Branch, who is managing the Hawaii Bike Plan, will be undergoing a process to prioritize "Priority 1" projects identified in the plan for programming and funding. For more information on this process, please use the contact information for the Highways Traffic Branch located on our DOT website. See link.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/contact.htm>

I have copied our Maui District office and our Traffic branch for their information. I also encourage your continued coordination with our Maui District Office as they are our direct link to traffic issues on Maui. Information and opinions from the public are always welcome.

I have also scanned your list of 300+ signatures and have attached it to this email so that our guys can see the level of public support for the improvements you identify.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



300 signatures.PDF



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To hwy.stip.projects@hawaii.gov,
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KULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 417 - Kula, HI 96790 - <http://kulamaui.com>

*The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.
The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.*

June 6, 2007

Ronald Tsuzuki, Head Planning Engineer
Department of Transportation
Highway Planning Branch
869 Punchbowl Street, Room 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Draft STIP Comments -- Petition for bike shoulder improvements

Dear Mr. Tsuzuki;

Yesterday I mailed a petition with over 300 signatures for bicycle shoulder lane improvements on State Highways 377 and 37, both in Kula, Maui. Both roads are listed as priority projects in Bike Plan Hawaii and should qualify for funds listed in the Proposed 2008-2011 STIP MS1 Guard and Shoulder Lane improvements. They are specifically:

- Bicycle shoulder lanes on Kula Highway 37, from Kekaulike Highway towards Keokea: STIP item MS1 Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item # 46
- Bicycle shoulder lanes on Haleakala Highway 377 from Crater Road towards Makawao: STIP item MS1, Guard and Shoulder Improvements and Hawaii Bike Plan item # 41

The large number of signatures gathered in such a short time of two weeks surprised even our Association. It became clear right away that our community feels strongly about the need for these road improvements. There are several choke points areas along both roads where a lack of shoulders causes bicyclists to veer out into the road. Many residents who signed the petition shared stories of almost or actually hitting bikers in these areas. A few bicyclists shared stories of accidents they or someone they ride with have been in.

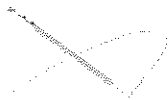
It was also shared by several residents that the inadequate shoulder lanes along Haleakala Highway (SR 377) force many residents to use a residential road (Lower Kimo Drive) to avoid sharing the road with the morning bikers. This has brought unnecessary traffic and safety concerns for residents in this usually quiet residential neighborhood. Upgrading shoulders areas along Highway 377 to accommodate bikers will alleviate the traffic from being diverted onto a small side street. Fixing the choke points along SR 377 will also make it safer for the commercial vans that escort bicycle tours along SR377 to pull over more frequently and allow

traffic to flow past the tour groups.

As Kula continues to grow with new residents and tourists visiting the National Park, our roads will continue to become busier with traffic and bicyclists, creating what a Maui Police Report cited as a “volatile situation” that needs to be addressed. Our Association is working with the Maui Highways Division on road improvements and Charlene Shibuya has been instrumental in helping us understand the budget and project process. We look forward to our continued work with the Department of Transportation to make our roads safer for everyone.

Mahalo,
Gina Flammer, Vice-President
Chair, Health and Safety Committee

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Subject Re: Comments on STIP

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Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Mahalo,
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Subject Re: STIP Testimony for Wednesday May 16,2007

Dr. Downing,

Thank you for your comments and opinions about traffic improvements on Highway 130, the Keaau-Pahoa Road. I have copied our Traffic Safety and Operations Sections on my response so that they may take a look at your comments on safety and the modern roundabout. Safety on our roadways is very important to us. I believe, however, that we are still studying the benefits and challenges of roundabouts in general and how they may or may not work in specific areas. I have also forwarded this response to our administration and the Hawaii District Engineer so that they may hear your opinions. Lastly, I have copied the planning project development team for the Keaau-Pahoa Road Improvements project for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to comment to us about your concerns. We appreciate getting input and hearing opinions from the public as it helps us make more informed decisions for the directions of our various programs.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Aloha,

My name is Dr. Keola G.A. Downing, Ph.D. I have attached my testimony to this message in adobe PDF format. Please let me know if you need it in some other format.

Mahalo,



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RE: State of Hawai'i - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Aloha Mr. Tsuzuki,

My name is Keola Downing, and my testimony today is made for myself alone, but there are many people who have informed me of their similar desire to see immediate improvements to the safety along Highway 130. The recent newspaper articles which noted that Highway 130 is one of the most dangerous places to drive in the entire state points out the emergency nature of this problem with poor highway design. We request that this problem be bumped up to the top of the list of important safety improvements for inclusion in the current STIP.

The people of Puna have repeatedly requested the inclusion of the well documented and very successful traffic calming device known as the **"modern roundabout"** for use at the intersections along highway 130 between Kea'au and Pahoa. There has been a very strong interest in this 100% federally funded program which will pay for the design and construction of modern roundabouts at **dangerous** intersections. We want to urge you again, to please consider this solution to the intersection of Kahakai Blvd and the Highway 130 Bypass at Pahoa. It is a perfect place to locate a new four-way modern roundabout. (Including re-opening Kahakai mauka of Highway 130)

Most of the intersections along Highway 130 between Kea'au and Pahoa are considered **"very dangerous"** by the residents of the Greater Puna area who use them daily. Our Puna residents are almost uniformly sure that widening Highway 130 will only increase the difficulty in using the roadway unless major changes are incorporated at these troublesome Highway 130 intersections.

Many folks are warming up to the idea of a reduced speed limit and the installation of modern roundabouts at all the intersections along this corridor. We need to have either modern roundabouts or frontage road construction to allow people to get on to or off of Highway 130 from the adjacent driveways and feeder roads from the neighborhoods. When we compared the safety of the department's proposed signalized intersections and the known statistical safety of modern roundabouts, we find that the signalized intersections would surely cause more fatal and debilitating accidents than the modern roundabout solution.

Overall, I am confident that as modern roundabouts are incorporated along the Kea'au to Pahoa corridor intersections, we will see a major shift in favor of roundabouts over the concept of frequent

expensive (and long awaited) signalized intersections. The Kahakai/Highway 130 intersection would be a good demonstration project to prove the efficacy of modern roundabouts in Puna.

When the question of traffic lights on Highway 130 comes up people get very adamant in their charge that traffic lights will only slow down the flow of traffic even more than what we experience today! This is not what we want for Puna. The fact that many lives could be saved by using the less expensive and proven traffic calming efficiency of modern roundabouts makes the choice very easy for people who travel along Highway 130 on a daily basis. Remember that the traffic is only backed up at two or three times a day, and for the rest of the time when people use this roadway, their travel would be uninterrupted by the eventual inclusion of signalized intersections at all the places where the vast residential neighborhoods require entrance on to and off of Highway 130.

I would greatly appreciate it, if the department would look again into the successful installation of modern roundabouts all over the United States mainland. There are states on the mainland which require a special report to justify the need of signalized intersections over modern roundabouts. I am certain that your department will be able to justify our need to improve the safety of our intersections and qualify for the federal funding to pay for the design and installation of modern roundabouts at all our most dangerous intersections. These would be less expensive, faster to construct, and much safer than the problematic issues that come up at signalized intersections. Another feature that we should consider, is that in the case of a power outage the modern roundabout functions as normal. They also do not require the continued maintenance over time that adds to the overall costs of signalized intersections.

Modern roundabouts are able to handle at least 3000 automobiles per hour and keeps the traffic flow moving along. This will surely cause an improvement to the environmental pollution caused by start and stop driving at peak traffic situations. Already today, traffic congestion is more than the capacity of the current roadway design, and can cause the travel time from Kea'au to Pahoa to be 45 minutes to an hour or more! That is with no accidents involved! When there are accidents, the time is much longer and can be life threatening in nature.

I know that there are many pressing issues that the department has to deal with, but the public uproar about the situation on Highway 130 is not going to go away. When more of the public learns that 60 million dollars is about to be spent **“only to widen Highway 130 to four lanes and signalize the intersection at Shower Drive”**, the department may have a real riot on their hands. We need to get the public to be supportive of the changes that are planned for, or else the situation will only deteriorate. We were never informed of the idea that the Kahakai intersection with Highway 130 would be made into a signalized intersection, and you will find that there are a great many people who are opposed to that idea.

There is a win/win solution to our problems. That solution is to give up on current plans, make an adjustments to those plans to incorporate some of the demands from the Puna residents, and get all the people who use the roadway **“on board”** with the department's final plan. I think that if the current plan were to make the change to modern roundabouts at the worst intersections, you might find more agreement from the people who use Highway 130.

We urge you to consider lane separation with a wide median that can be made beautiful by careful landscaping that would improve the roadway design. By eliminating left turns along the corridor by this method and the use of modern roundabouts at the intersections, the current two lanes may be enough to solve many of our safety issues with the ingress and egress to and from Highway 130.

You might well gain more community support for the highway improvements and bring the people to your side.

I would also suggest that the signalized intersection at Shower Drive may not be the best use of the limited funding. Most people feel certain that both Ainaloa and Orchidland Drives are more problematic for people trying to get to their job in the morning. This problem would also be much better handled by the use of modern roundabouts than signalized intersections.

We hope that the department figures out a way to get input from all the people actually driving the roadway on a daily basis. Many people in Puna have given up on expressing their concerns, because their impression is that the department only makes **“paper concepts”** and is a bastion of hard line planners who will not respect any ideas that come from the public.

My testimony may have a more belligerent tone than I would have wanted to express. Please forgive me for that tone. I know that the department has our safety in mind, but it is important today that every part of government **“listens to the will of the people”** when making decisions that are so important to our communities. I hope that we can work together for the future of the very rapidly growing population base here in Puna. We have so much to do to keep up with the current level of development, that many people are just **“up in arms”** about the whole affair.

Many of these issues are being considered right now in the **Puna Community Development Plan**. I was the co-ordinator for the New Alternative Corridors Task Partnership of the Transportation Working Group, and we are all doing our best to discover what new methods and technologies can be used to bring a new, safe, and bright future to Puna.

Mahalo,



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Subject 08-13 STIP comments

Ms. Taylor,

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<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>

I have also will be sharing your comments on the Waimea Trails and Greenway project with Hawaii County's Department of Public Works and our Hawaii District Office.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Subject STIP Comments on Waimea Trails and Greenways

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I will forward your comments from the May 15 STIP meeting in Waimea to our Hawaii District Office and Hawaii County's Department of Public Works.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Mr. Upfold,

Safety on the roads for bikes, pedestrians and motor vehicles is a large concern for the Department. Along with government's efforts to improve the travelways and augment safety for all, we hope that users of the roadways can also continue to try to share the road safely between all mode choices.

Also, although we have decided to not count non-Hawaii residents in our STIP project survey tallies, your comments, inclusive of the many signatures that you have gathered, will be included in a STIP update report that will be developed and submitted to our administration and the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Aloha Mr. Tom,

In complete respect to you and the work you put into creating safe roads for all, I just have to express my disappointment in your decision to not include the comments and signatures that we have sent you. It is true that they are not residents of the areas affected, but I hope you understand that they as much as anyone understand the need for such bike lanes on our Maui roads. These are not only customers that do the Haleakala Downhill ride, but also avid cyclist that have traveled half way across the world just to bike Maui. Both Crater road and Kula highway are used by thousands of cyclist a year and I believe that it's these cyclist that have a clear understanding of what is needed to make the roads safer for bike riders. Residents are an important factor in making the decision, but most of them do not understand the need to allow these bikers to come down Haleakala in a safe matter. A lot of residents do feel that the bikers are an inconvenience and that the riders should not come down at all. People from all over the world visit Maui and many of them come to Maui just to do these rides. I believe it is unfair to them, to future riders, and to us that you will not be including the comments from those that have experienced biking on these roads first hand. They must be included to have a clear understanding of how important it is to include funding for bigger bike lanes along Crater road and Kula highway.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lewis Upfold
Office Manager
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Subject RE: 08-11 (+2) STIP 2nd round of neighbor island meetings
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Ms Shimokawa,

At our last STIP meeting on Kauai, Council Member Yukimura kind of took us to a higher step on the planning ladder, talking about long range transportation plans. She also talked about the more general sustainability plans and community development plans (these plans address not only discuss transportation, but also education, health, energy, economy, crime, etc.).

The STIP is a "short-range" plan that represents *highway* and *transit* transportation projects/improvements that we are ready to go with/working on now... Not really things that we are thinking of doing. On top of that, the STIP *only* lists those efforts that will be using federal highway or federal transit funds. So the scope of the STIP and the scope of what she was talking about are a bit different... Certainly though, the long range plans must lead to the short range plans (be on the same page).

In any case, to answer your questions, as far as the STIP is concerned, background information on that can be found on our website at the following:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/index.htm>
<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/fy2008-2013-gen-info.htm>

And the Kauai STIP meeting summary is posted at:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip/fy2008-2013-rd1-mtg-summaries.htm>

After looking at this information, if you have any further questions on the STIP or the STIP process, please let us know. If you are also interested in the process to develop the Long Range Land, we'll probably use the STIP email address book to help us initiate the public involvement portion. So if you receive STIP emails, you'll most likely receive a long range plan notice. The long range plans are a good place to start, as it will, in part, direct what shows up for funding through the STIP.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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Aloha Hwy.Stip.Projects Administrator,

Thank you for this notice.

At the last Kauai meeting, Council Member Joanne Yukimura referred to historical program planning information. Is there an executive summary, or some other document the general public can review so we have background knowledge and can participate more effectively in this process? Are minutes from this last round of Statewide meetings available and if so would you kindly forward them to me?

Mahalo nui loa,
Marcia Shimokawa

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Notice is hereby given that the STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT) will be holding followup statewide public informational meetings to discuss the **DRAFT Financially Constrained STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) for FISCAL YEARS 2008 – 2011 (+2)**. We encourage participation in these meetings, as comments received will help to guide the finalization of the STIP.

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Copies of the DRAFT STIP Fiscal Years 2008 – 2011 (+2) are available for public review, as well as the meeting schedule and may be obtained by calling (808) 587-6355 or can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/stp/stip>

Also attached is a MS WORD document that lists the schedule for the neighbor island STIP meetings.

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Special accommodations are available upon request three (3) days prior to the meeting date, to the Department of Transportation, Highway Planning Branch. Telephone (808) 587-1830.

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Ms Harden,

To provide some information and response to your question on funding... the Ferry Boat Discretionary Funds that the Kawaihae Pier 4 Improvements project proposes to use, is (strangely) a federal highway fund, however, it can only be used for ferry boat related improvements (such as access roads to these ferry boats, I suppose). We wouldn't be able to use these federal funds to build other typical highway projects. In regards to the local match, as Ian mentioned below, that will be coming from the Harbors Special Fund, not from the Highways Division.

Also, I am certain that answers to your other questions will be clearer when Harbors goes out with the Preliminary Design /Design phase for this project. All applicable permits will be addressed and completed during that stage. Furthermore, the update of the Commercial Harbors Master Plan should determine some of the answers in regards to the future of harbor improvements. I recommend you contact our Harbors Division, more specifically, the Engineering Branch, for further information. The contact information can be found on the Harbors section of the DOT website.

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Subject Superferry

Dear Legislators,

Would you please encourage someone from Harbors to attend a State Transportation Improvement Program meeting where Pier 4 at Kawaihae for Superferry (and other uses) will be discussed?

I already asked Ian Birnie, Hilo Harbormaster, and Patrick Tom, STIP manager, about this, but they don't seem to feel it's necessary (see below)

Someone from Harbors would be helpful to answer questions like:

Why is Pier 4 getting what's normally highway money, not Harbors money?

If not for Superferry, would Pier 4 be built now?

Will a thorough EIS be done on Pier 4 before work starts?

How does Pier 4 fit into the big picture of harbor improvements?

thanks, Cory Harden, Hilo

STIP meetings--

Mon Aug 6 6 PM Kealahou High School Library, Kona

Tue Aug 7 6 PM Waimea Civic Center, State Office Bldg

Wed Aug 8 6 PM Kea'au Community Center

*Thu Aug 9 6 PM Hilo State Office Bldg, conf rms A B C
75 Aupuni St*

From:

To:

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2007 6:37 AM

Subject: Re: Pier 4 Kawaihae, Aug 9

Hi Cory,

The last time I attended a STIP meeting, the Highways guys were surprised that I showed up and they told me that I didn't need to be there. Therefore I see no reason to attend unless specifically notified that it would be advisable for me to attend, as those meetings generally cover Highways Division's plans.

I am not aware of plans for Pier 4 or its financing at this point in time, and you clearly have the 2020 Plan and its EIS, so you probably know as much as I do, if not more. You do need to keep in mind that Harbors Division's projects are funded by the Harbors special fund, not the general fund, i.e., taxpayer money.

Sincerely,
Ian Birnie

----- Original Message -----

From: Cory (Martha) Harden

To: GVT STA HI TRNS HRB Bi

Sent: Sunday, July 15, 2007 11:30 AM

Subject: Pier 4 Kawaihae, Aug 9

Hello Ian,

To supply information about Pier 4 in Kawaihae, would it be possible for you to attend the August 9 State Transportation Improvement Program meeting at 6 PM in the State Building, conference rooms A, B, and C? Patrick Tom from STIP says at this point no one from Harbors is coming.

I thought Terry O'Halloran said at the March 21 Hilo Superferry meeting that no taxpayer money would be used for Pier 4. But the STIP list seems to show \$5 million for Pier 4 (combined Federal and local funds.) Did I misunderstand something?

From: Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov

To:

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 8:02 AM

Subject: Re: public meetings

Ms. Harden,

I've copied below, the Big Island schedule from the 2nd page of file that was attached to the previous email for your use...

Pier 4 Improvements at Kawaihae Harbor is on the draft financially constrained 08-11 (+2) STIP. We would be happy to discuss this project with you. However, as the STIP is mainly a surface transportation (Highways) program, there will likely not be a Harbors representative at our meetings. If you have detailed questions on this project, I would recommend contacting with our Harbors Division, who is managing the development of this project. Their contact information is on our DOT website... You can use the following link.

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/harbors/contact.htm>

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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07/23/2007 07:41 AM

To "Mark Hubbard"
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Subject Re: comments on Kauai Plan [REDACTED]

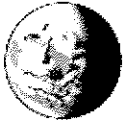
Mr. Hubbard,

Thank you for your comments. I have forwarded our Kauai District Office your comments and this response. Last I remember, our District Offices have more control of traffic light synchronization than we do here on Oahu. They should be able to better respond to your comment about the lights.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

"Mark Hubbard" <

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"Mark Hubbard"
<markhubbard@hawaiiintel.net>
07/22/2007 07:43 AM

To <Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov>
cc
Subject comments on Kauai Plan

I am not an engineer and understand that traffic issues are complicated, yet am a witness to slow moving traffic at many areas on Kauai.

I feel strongly that much of this slow traffic is not due to the number of vehicles exceeding the capacity of the road, but the lack of synchronized traffic lights in the area.

I cannot understand why the DOT has not synchronized lights in Lihue and Kapaa. I am told that the distance apart of the lights preclude synchronization. I don't believe this to be a correct view of the situation, regardless of what the standard engineering design is. All the DOT would have to do is the manually synchronize some lights to see if it will help. I remain convinced that it will.

Thank you.

Aloha,

Mark

Mark Hubbard

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
07/27/2007 10:01 AM

To Michael Eldred < >@STATEHIUS
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Tamura/HWY/HIDOT@HIDOT
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: road improvements in Hilo - wainaku st

Mr. Eldred,

Thank you for your comments and sharing with us your concerns. Wainaku Street is within the jurisdiction of the County of Hawaii and not the State DOT. I have copied Hawaii County's Department of Public Works with this reply for their information and response to you.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Michael Eldred < >



Michael Eldred
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07/25/2007 03:46 PM

To Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov
cc
Subject road improvements in Hilo - wainaku st

To whom it may concern,

My family and I are residents in Hilo on Wainaku St., just north of Waianuenue Ave and parallel to HWY 19. There is a short section of this road which is in great need of improvement.

Just north of Halaulani Place and south of Pua lane, this section of Wainaku Street is very narrow and barely has room for two lanes. My family walks to town along this road and we have had many frightening experiences when two cars are passing as we are walking on the road. Since there is no room for a sidewalk (just a cliff wall), we literally have to climb part of the wall to get out of the way.

I would like to request that we build a sidewalk on this dangerous section of road.

Aloha and Mahalo nui loa,
Mike Eldred

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
07/27/2007 10:13 AM

To
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Honolulu Bridge Info

Mr. Martin,

Thank you for attending our STIP meeting in Lahaina. To follow up on your request for information, our Bridge and Design people have informed us that the purpose of the Honolulu Bridge project (MS5 on the STIP) is to bring the structural capacity of the bridge to current standards. The intent is not to change the nature of the community and the public will be included as part of our context sensitive solution process during the design phase.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
07/27/2007 10:17 AM

To
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Fw: Lahaina Bypass Location maps

Mr. Dupree,

Thank you for attending our STIP meeting in Lahaina earlier this week. As requested, attached is a copy of a location map for the Lahaina Bypass with the alignment that we are currently working on.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager



Lahaina Bypass maps.pdf

Hwy Stip
Projects/HWY/HIDOT
07/27/2007 10:22 AM

To < >
cc
bcc Jill M Yamanouchi/HWY/HIDOT
Subject Re: wailea 670

Ms. Cabral,

Thank you for attending our Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meeting in Makawao this past Wednesday. We appreciate the information and comments you have provided.

Patrick Tom
STIP Manager

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07/25/2007 11:44 AM

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Subject wailea 670

Sylvia Cabral Realty



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Shakespeare Henry IV “uneasy lies the head that wears the crown”
Yesterday, State Planning Director “Laura Whelens” gave this Maui County Council full authority to approve Wailea 670. With Mrs. Whelens’ maps and slides, she explained that this type of planning was exactly what the State is looking forward for these islands. Mrs. Whelen said that this type of planning made services by the state and county to the subdivisions “economical, correct, smart growth regarding infill growth with services centered in one area for the general public. It is In fill growth containing its own streets, walkways, stores, open spaces, playgrounds This will be the edge that contains the growth, surrounded by pastures, ranches and beaches.
The County Council represents the general public.

Wailea 670 was approved by the Kihei Wailea community in the community plan amendment 2000. They created it. It’s a beautiful plan How many years of meetings at the Kihei Community Center, here, and at the property have we all attended since 1998? We’ve laughed, we cried and we held our breath for far too long.

List dates:

I have never witnessed opposition at any of these meetings. I went to Maui Tomorrow’s website today and my opinion is that this board is in favor of creating mc mansions, keeping out the general public from their area. On their “history” page, there is no mention of opposing Wailea 670, not until these last few months. Save Makena has no info.

This is 2 little 2 late by 2 few.

I have been following this project for over 5 years. I want to live there. I want my daughters to live there. Mr. Jencks has been working with Na Hale O Maui to provide 700 affordable homes. If Spencer claims he Had 4000 applicants for 200 homes, how many people could Mr. Jencks bring to this meeting today if he put in one ad for residents to sign up for an affordable home? 10,000?

Regarding traffic: This week the Dept of Highways is meeting on Maui. They should be responsible for educating the public regarding highways. There should be newspaper and radio ads asking people to be more considerate. Surfers, retirees, homemakers should stay off the roads during rush hours and lunch hours. Not more highways. \$&€
Sylvia Cabral